

# PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

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Senate Select Committee on Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements

# Establishment of committee and call for submissions

Issue date: 8 September 2023

On 5 September 2023 the Senate established the Select Committee on Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements. The committee will inquire into and report on all Federal Government decisions relating to any proposals since 2016 for additional services to Australia's airports, with particular reference to:

- (a) the impacts of any such decisions on competition in the Australian aviation sector and the cost of living pressures on families and business;
- (b) the impacts experienced in other countries associated with such decisions:
- (c) the impact on the Australian economy, including on Australian travellers, the tourism and hospitality sectors and movement of freight;
- (d) the rights of airlines or other bodies to appeal decisions regarding bilateral air services agreements made by the responsible minister; and
- (e) any other related matters.

# **Call for submissions**

The committee is seeking submissions that address the terms of reference by **18 September 2023**.

Submissions can be lodged <u>online</u>, emailed to <u>cbasa.sen@aph.gov.au</u>, or mailed to PO Box 6100, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600. Information about making a submission is available <u>here</u>.

#### COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

5 September 2023

#### SUBMISSIONS CLOSE

18 September 2023

#### REPORTING DATE

9 October 2023

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (Chair)
Senator Ralph Babet (Deputy Chair)
Senator Penny Allman-Payne
Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham
Senator Tony Sheldon
Senator Dean Smith
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The committee plans to hold public hearings after submissions have been received. It will present a final report by 9 October 2023.

Further information about the committee and its inquiry is available on the committee's website.

# For background information

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