



Dear members of the parliament,

In the spirit of strengthening the relationship between Australia and Mexico, I would like to address a matter that could be of strategic importance for both countries. Australia and Mexico are geographically far from each other, but they are even further in terms of approachability. If well the first constraint is not manageable, the second is.

Travelling from Mexico to Australia or Australia to Mexico takes about 24 hours. It usually requires multiple stops. The main route options are the USA and Chile. The first option is the regularly the cheapest. However, travelling through the USA is requires an additional and costly visa. Travelling through Chile is easier, but the costs are usually double. In contrast, a direct flight from Mexico City to Melbourne or Sydney would take about 14 hours and one visa only—the Australian.

It is well known that decisions on air routes are not only a matter of commercial viability, but a political issue. This is why I am addressing the parliament to point the strategic importance of facilitating and encouraging a direct route Australia-Mexico.

Best regards,

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