

4 July 2005

Mr R Chafer  
The Secretary  
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Chafer

I write in response to your letter of 15 June 2005 inviting Kingscote Airport to provide a written public submission to the Committee's Review of Aviation Security in Australia Inquiry.

I have attached a submission addressing the terms of reference I feel relevant to Kingscote Airport, as one of the new Security Controlled airports.

Yours faithfully

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(e) Cost imposts of security upgrades, particularly for regional airports;

Whilst it is commendable that the Commonwealth Government has funded the initial capital costs of the Basic Security Measures being implemented at Kingscote Airport there will however be an ongoing impact on our already tight annual budget in the form of:-

- Patrolling area during RPT flight times (up to seven flight times per day)
- Issue of ASIC cards
- Record keeping required under the ASIC Program
- Keeping of access registers, codes etc.
- Monitoring of CCTV
- Ongoing upkeep of security fencing
- Ongoing upkeep of locks to access gates
- Ongoing upkeep of surveillance system

The impact on an already tight Airport Budget will need to be passed on to the Airlines in the form of increased passenger head tax. This will obviously be passed on from airlines to passengers. The Kingscote/Adelaide route is already an expensive route and any added cost puts this at increased risk which could have an adverse impact on our tourism industry.

Airports like ours already struggle to find the funds for the ongoing maintenance and upgrade of the runways and other infrastructure necessary to our operation.