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Mr Ian Dundas
Committee Secretary
House of Representatives
Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

The Garden Shire

Our Ref: 4222300

Dear Mr Dundas

Regional Aviation Services

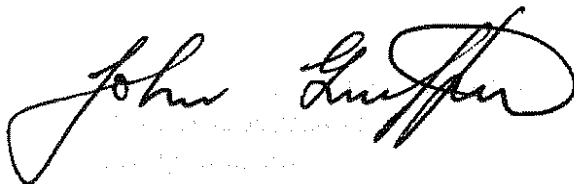
Thank you for your letter dated 5 July, 2002 seeking submissions on regional aviation services.

Baulkham Hills Shire Council is located on the edge of Sydney's Metropolitan area and the Shire's residents utilise aviation services via Bankstown or Kingsford Smith airports.

I am supportive of improved aviation services for regional Australia. Improved services would facilitate business and tourism opportunities in these areas. Additionally, improved services would make regional locations more attractive and accessible for residents. If these areas were more accessible the population growth pressure on the major cities, particularly Sydney, may be reduced. The increase population would also benefit economic growth in these areas.

I trust these brief comments are of assistance to the Standing Committee and I look forward to receiving a copy of the Committee's final report. If you have any enquires on this matter please contact Council's Director-Planning Services, Mr Michael Watt on 9843-0248.

Yours faithfully



Councillor John Griffiths
MAYOR

