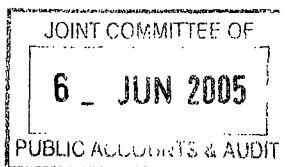


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RE: REGIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY...

Dear Michelle,

I finally got my ASIC card after a couple of trips to Melbourne Airport - and complying with all the various protocols. I can imagine that the industry will not like this unless airports like Moorabbin (where I come from) set up a similar agent. eg. With the MAC or CASA offices.

On the subject of airport security we are still awaiting fences at Moorabbin. Why so long since 9/11? Why so long after years of thefts and the odd vandalism?

The big threat now (after the Corby fiasco up in Bali) is that regional airports will be used for moving drugs around the nation if they have not already been doing this. Some evidence of this over past few years at Moorabbin. eg. Close relationships with engineers and owners of very expensive planes - bongs left behind. On one day I picked up 10 and gave them to the MAC. I understand all other authorities were told about this. With any further beefing up of security at primary airports I feel that airports like Moorabbin will need very careful scrutiny. As a lay pastor down here ministering to the needs of those at this airport what I am saying is more than just rumour or conjecture.

Please pass this on to those that need to assess the risks. Also, thanks for your assistance in the past and help coming from Dave and John. Much appreciated. At least I have been checked out and can produce adequate credentials as I come and go at Moorabbin and other airports.

Yours sincerely,

Ric D.T. Wilson.

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