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Mr. Ian Dundas,  
Committee Secretary,  
House of Representatives,  
Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services,  
Parliament House,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600

Secretary: *J. Lubben*  
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Dear Mr. Dundas,

Thank you for your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2002 in relation to your current investigation. I have reviewed the terms of reference and in line with Council's experience and that of the people of Cowra I wish to advise as follows:-

"The adequacy of commercial air services in regional and rural Australia has been severely compromised by Federal Government policy. Changes to the taxation rulings on small aeroplanes and alterations to the fuelling pricing system resulted in our only airline being cancelled. Despite our best efforts we have been unsuccessful in restoring that air service to Cowra. The cancellation of Country Connection Services to Cowra was as a direct result of Federal Government policy and should not be confused with the demise of Ansett or its regional carriers."

It is this Council's opinion that Federal Government needs to be much more aware of the effects of policies before they are enacted. This has caused a severe blow to this community and we have been advised by a new business which has relocated to town that it would have made a different decision had the airline been cancelled earlier.

Yours faithfully,

Cr. Bruce Miller.  
**Mayor.**

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