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

Dear Sir/Madam

Inquiry into Commercial Regional Aviation Services in Australia and Transport Links to Major Populated Islands

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the abovementioned inquiry. The focus of the Whyalla City Council's submission is based on the local implications arising from the issues highlighted in the Terms of Reference.

Whyalla is lucky to have two regional carriers, O'Connor and Regional Express, offering services to and from Adelaide. These services cover our present needs.

The current onground facilities at the Whyalla Airport are adequate for these services, however, there is limited avenues available to access funds for any major work or upgrade to those facilities. Existing income levels barely cover daily expenses, making the long term viability of the airport questionable unless alternate sources of income can be found.

In conclusion, we feel that there is not enough assistance and support offered by the Federal and State Government to the regional aviation industry, in the promotion and development of existing airports and their facilities.

Yours faithfully

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