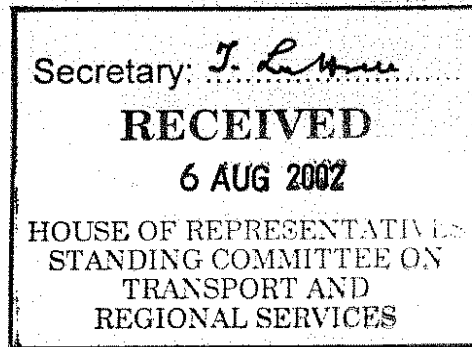


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Dear Sir,

**Re: Inquiry into Commercial Regional Aviation Services in Australia and Transport Links to Major Populated Islands.**

I refer to the above inquiry and the Terms of Reference relating to it.

Council operates a Regional Airport at Portland with Commercial Air Services currently being provided by two operators. Council is currently completing a Business Plan for its airport and is therefore vitally interested in the adequacy of commercial air services in regional and rural Australia. While there are currently two service providers to the Portland airport it is recognised that it is unlikely that both will continue to provide a service in view of the limited number of passengers. Council is also concerned that flight schedules provide an adequate service to the community.

A number of other matters referred to in the Terms of Reference also relate to issues identified in the Business Plan for the airport. These include current competition between a small-scale owner operator and a larger commercial service, suitable aircraft types and interconnectivity between services to and from Portland and national and international services.

Council recognises that it has a role in supporting and assisting the development of Regional Air Services to the Glenelg Municipality. There is however a role for all levels of government to support and assist the development of Regional Air Services.

Council welcomes the inquiry and looks forward to it producing positive outcomes that will assist in the strengthening and development of Regional Air Services.

Yours sincerely,

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