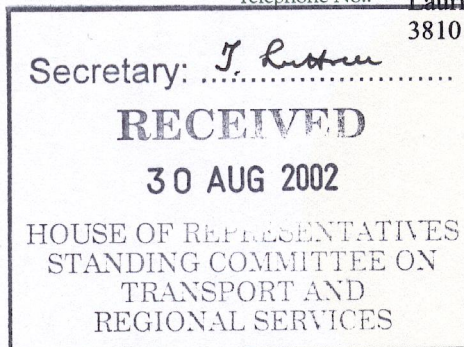


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27 August 2002

Dear Ian

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

Thank you for this opportunity for our Council to comment regarding the adequacy of commercial air services in regional and rural Australia.

There is a strong demand for commercial air services in the Ipswich Region and in December 1999 Ipswich City Council in association with the Department of State Development commissioned a study to quantify that demand and identify the issues relating to the development of a commercial airport in the region.

In summary the study identified a current demand for passenger services and a future demand for freight services.

The study also addressed the potential to meet this demand with the establishment of a terminal facility on land adjacent the RAAF Amberley Airbase.

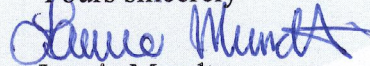
A copy of the Market Demand Study is enclosed for you information.

Ipswich City Council is seeking your guidance and support to implement the recommendations of the study and in particular assistance with:

- Negotiations with the defence department regarding potential to lease land and accommodate the airline terminal and anticipated operating conditions.
- Provision of infrastructure
- Identification of a potential airline operator.

Thank you again for the opportunity to make this submission. We look forward to working in partnership with you to address the issues identified in the market demand study.

Yours sincerely



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