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The Secretary
Rural and Regional Affairs & Transport Committee
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your letter dated 22 December 2006 seeking my views on the **Airports Amendment Bill 2006, Airspace Bill 2006** and the **Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006**.

My comments in respect of the **Airports Amendment Bill 2006** are concerning the proposal to reduce the number of days that the public may comment during the public consultation period with regard to proposed planning and environmental plans or plan amendments.

In some instances the time allowed is reduced from 30 to 15 days. As many local governments meet once per month, this may mean that the local government that abuts the airport land does not have the opportunity to meet in order to consider the proposal and provide an appropriate response.

Any developmental or environmental proposal should be discussed with the adjoining local government to ensure there are no contradictory proposals under consideration. For example a local government road realignment, or change of zoning in an area adjacent the portion of airport land that is the subject of the airport's plan.

It is recommended that consideration be given to the impact on local government of development and planning at airports. To that end, it is suggested that specific consultation with the relevant local government[s] be included in the Bill as well as a suitable timeframe for such consultation to occur.

I have no comment with regard to the **Airspace Bill 2006** and the **Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006**.

Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to comment on these Bills.

Yours sincerely,

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