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Inquiry into the *Airports Amendment Bill 2006*

The Local Government Association of South Australia (LGASA) represents all sixty eight Local Government authorities in SA. The LGASA is also a member of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and is aware of its submission to the Inquiry. The LGASA unreservedly supports the ALGA submission.

I am also aware of submissions being prepared by a number of South Australian Councils that are adjacent to and/or significantly impacted by Adelaide and Parafield Airports. The LGASA has actively encouraged these Councils to make submissions to the Inquiry to demonstrate the local community impacts of past planning decisions (in particular) and the importance of using this opportunity through the Inquiry to make further changes to the Bill than are currently contemplated.

I do not believe it is necessary to repeat the contents of either the ALGA submission or individual South Australian Councils submissions in detail. However the central themes of these submissions are clear:

- the Local Government sector supports the right of the Australian Government to manage the planning regime for that component of airport infrastructure that is aeronautical in nature;
- for those other discretionary developments on airport land that have no direct connection to the aeronautical function of the airport, a more robust engagement with the State and Local Government planning regimes is required;
- discretionary, non-aeronautical developments on airport land should be subject to the taxes and charges (including Council rates) that would apply as if the development was located on a piece of land, other than the airport.

The LGASA does not seek to appear before the Committee, but believes it is important that the Committee has the benefit of direct input from a South Australian Council. The City of West Torrens is the Council with most significant impact on the matters pertinent to the Inquiry through its proximity to Adelaide Airport. I encourage the Committee to give consideration to inviting the City of West Torrens to appear before the Committee, on behalf of South Australian Councils.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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