



## PERTH AIRPORT

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The Secretary  
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
Department of the Senate  
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Dear Committee Secretary

### **SUBMISSION TO SENATE INQUIRY – AIRPORTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL 2006**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the Airports Act Amendment Bill 2006.

Perth Airport has been involved in this review process for some time, and was pleased to give detailed feedback to the Department of Transport and Regional Services some time ago.

As operators of an asset that is critical to both state and national interests, the management of Perth Airport has worked to ensure it is fully compliant with all relevant legislation.

Since privatisation in 1997, Perth Airport has continued to offer safe, reliable services. There has been ongoing investment in facilities for both airlines and the travelling public, and as we continue to meet the challenges of growth in the state we serve, more than \$275 million will be invested in aviation related capital works over the next four years.

After reviewing the Airports Act Amendment Bill, Perth Airport believes the proposed changes represent fine-tuning to a regime that has largely worked well for the industry and the community.

On balance, we believe this fine-tuning will result in more clarity and better outcomes for all parties. As such, we see no major obstacle operating within the proposed amendments.

Should the changes to the Act be approved following the Senate Committee's deliberations, Perth Airport would look forward to working with the Government and industry partners to implement them.

Yours sincerely

**DAVID CRAWFORD**  
**EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN**