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Dear Ms Radcliffe,

Airports Amendment and Airspace Bills of 2006

Thankyou for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the Airports Amendment Bill 2006, Airspace Bill 2006 and the Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006.

It is understood these bills principally allow for the transfer of airspace administration and regulation to be transferred from AirServices Australia to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, and for particular expansion at federal airports to be developed according to a major development plan.

The administration of airspace is of concern for local government, particularly for the impact of noise, aircraft emissions and safety for adjoining/flightpath affected land uses. The integration of airport master-planning (and major development plans) with adjoining land use and infrastructure planning of the local government is also important. It is expected that such master-planning and administration is supported by appropriate strategic land use, economic, social, environmental, transport and infrastructure studies. The ability for local government to comment on any proposed changes to noise, emissions, safety or master plans (i.e., major development plans), and supporting studies, is therefore appreciated.

Should you have any queries, please contact myself on 4727 9449.



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