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Government of Western Australia

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The Secretary
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
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Dear Ms Radcliffe

AIRPORTS AMENDMENT AND AIRSPACE BILLS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the above Bills.

Much of the detail of the Bills impacts on issues outside the Department's direct responsibility. However, in regard to the general regulatory and policy aspects, the Department encourages the Standing Committee to continue to consider regional impacts of the legislation in Western Australia and to ensure consultation with local and State authorities.

Processes are required to provide for early and comprehensive consultation with local and State planning authorities on the development of airport land to ensure that development proposals are consistent with State, regional and local planning objectives.

In regard to the Airports Amendment Bill, the major related issue for this Department in the land use planning and development area is that airport leases adequately deal with local government issues of rating, and appropriate development consultation occurs with local government. These issues have, in the past in Perth, created disharmony between local governments and airport leaseholders.

Yours sincerely

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