

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the above subject matter.

Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) supports the passage of the amendment to the *Civil Aviation Act 1998* to provide for the introduction of a mandatory drug and alcohol testing regime in the Australian aviation industry and while it is not clear, we would expect that there would be NO EXEMPTIONS to this mandate.

Adelaide Airport Limited believes that it is absolutely wrong for there to be any exemptions from security screening of any nature as it sends the wrong message to the community at large and is a very irresponsible undertaking particularly in an election year - accordingly, AAL does not support the exemption of 'certain' dignitaries from aviation security screening.

While AAL supports, in general terms, the thrust of amendments to the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004*. However, we are concerned at the lack of detail in terms of airport operational issues, with regard to 'Division 3A - Eligible Customs Officers'. Parts 89A through to 89H confer significant powers and responsibilities on 'eligible customs officers' and given that Customs Controlled area virtually now encompasses all of the airside of an airfield then our request for clear operational guidelines will ensure the safety of aircraft, passengers and indeed ACS officers.

Accordingly, we would expect the 'Committee' to seek from the Australian Customs Service, information and guidelines as to how they will comply to the limitations placed on them and how they will operationally exercise such responsibilities and attendant legislative powers. .

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