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Select Committee on Regional Development
ACT Assembly
Attention Mr Brain Lloyd

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Dear Mr Lloyd

Canberra Airport submission to the Select Committee on Regional Development

I congratulate the ACT Government for deciding to hold this Inquiry and thank the committee for the opportunity to provide this submission for consideration in its Inquiry into the ACT's relationship with the surrounding region.

Background

- Canberra Airport is privately owned by a local family headed by Terry Snow.
- Canberra Airport and the ACT Government signed a MOU in 2009 which outlines amongst other issues a shared understanding of the Future Canberra Airport.
- Canberra Airport applauds the ACT and NSW Governments Cross Border proposals in response to the MOU for Regional Collaboration, December 2011.
- Canberra Airport supports the ACT Government ambition for integration with the region, including engagement with South East Regional Organisation of Councils.
- The ACT Government has formed an Aviation Taskforce "to provide a coordinated and cooperative approach to attracting direct international flights to and from Canberra."
- The ACT Chief Minister Katy Gallagher, NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell and Canberra Airport support High Speed Rail between Sydney and Canberra.
- Canberra Airport, a curfew free 24/7 airport has been developed over the past 15 years with a Boeing 747 capable runway and a New International Airline Terminal ready for growth.



Recommended Actions

That Canberra Airport be acknowledged as Territory and State Significant Infrastructure so as to facilitate:

- Protection of the ongoing 24/7 operations of the airport by incorporation into Canberra and NSW Regional Local Government statutory planning documents.
- The Airport's expanding role as the primary public transport gateway to the Greater Canberra Region delivering domestic and international tourism and business connection to Australia and the world.
- The Airport's significant role in the economic development, employment diversity, connectivity and productivity of our region.
- Modal connection with the future High Speed Rail.

That Red tape be cut to deliver:

- Prosperity to our region.
- Seamless cross border public transport.
- Competition between transport providers and modes.
- Better roads and transport options.

Yours sincerely

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