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Safeguarding Discussion Paper Response
Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development & Local Government
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Attention: Nicholas Dowie, Section Head, Airports Planning, Policy and Environment
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Submission on Safeguarding Discussion Paper

Dear Mr Dowie,

This letter is a short response to the Safeguarding Discussion Paper. This submission has been prepared by the Royal Aeronautical Society Australian Division. The Royal Aeronautical Society was founded in 1866. It has a worldwide membership of 18,000 mainly current or past engineers, pilots, academics, managers, and executives from major aviation bodies. The Society is a non political, not for profit organisation, and works to further the future of aviation and aeronautics around the world.

There have been a number of occasions in aviation when Australia has essentially attempted to 'reinvent the wheel'. An example of this is the long lasting attempt to produce a coherent set of safety regulations. These have still not eventuated.

It would have been so much simpler to have used a suitable model and then adjusted it in the light of experience. The United States Federal Aviation Regulations would have been a good start.

In the light of this history, **the Australian Division of the Royal Aeronautical Society recommends that the Government, in conjunction with the States, should introduce the United Kingdom's Safeguarding model.** As noted in the report, Queensland has already implemented a State Planning Policy Number 1/02 which is based on the UK model. This shows that this model is suitable for Australia.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

Yours sincerely,

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