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**To:** Aviation Statement  
**Subject:** FW:

Dear Minister,

I write in response to the National Aviation Policy Green Paper, published in December 2008, and its failure to address a policy that has been stifling the growth of Australia's Regional Airports.

There are three primary options available to create further incentives for Airlines to operate International routes out of regional airports:

- Offering 'beyond rights' capacity to International Airlines on flights operated out of the airports other than the Big Four – Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth
- Triangulation rights with major airports could also increase the number of services in regional Airports
- Australian carriers holding an Australian Air Operators Certificate – irrespective of 'principal place of business' or ownership – should be permitted to operate international air services to and from regional airports

We believe that, rather than close the door on all of the initiatives put forward by TTNQ and Cairns Airport, the government should examine air access initiatives on a 'case by case' scenario, with the outcome based on the 'greater good' for Australia as a whole

We need your help in addressing this critical issue.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration with our request to support the development and growth of regional airports and cities.

Yours sincerely,

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