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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FREIGHT COUNCIL



Aviation Green Paper
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
GPO Box 594
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: National Aviation Green Paper

I refer to the National Aviation Green Paper released by the Federal Government for public comment in December 2008.

Whilst we acknowledge that the closing date for submissions is well past, as the Federal Government has not yet released the final White Paper and following discussions amongst the South Australian Freight Council (SAFC) Membership, we offer the following suggestion for your consideration.

SAFC is well aware of the limitations that the existing curfew arrangements place upon aircraft operations and the negative impact that the curfew has on industry within the State, as well as the general community. SAFC is also aware of community agitation regarding the maintenance of the curfew and therefore SAFC is resigned to a future with a curfew at its international aviation gateway.

Nonetheless, as outlined in our submission in June 2008 SAFC believes that there is a need to review the Adelaide Airport Curfew Act 2000 and Regulations to remove inconsistencies and to introduce much needed and overdue flexibility into the arrangements. For example, SAFC contends that any limitations imposed by the Curfew Act and Regulations should be based upon noise levels, and not aircraft type/payload configuration.

To this end, SAFC would welcome the establishment of an Adelaide Airport Curfew Review Group, incorporating broad representation including the aviation industry and nearby communities, which could discuss opportunities to review of the existing regulations so as to ensure consistency and currency with modern equipment, technologies and noise amelioration techniques.

Please feel free to contact the SAFC General Manager, Neil Murphy, on the numbers listed below should you wish to discuss this concept.

Yours sincerely


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