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Mr Mike Mrdak  
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**Through:**

Mr Andrew Wilson  
 Deputy Secretary *16/7*

**Through:**

Mr John Doherty  
 Executive Director  
 Aviation and Airports *13/7/12*

**Subject: Canberra Airport Parallel Runway**

**Purpose:**

To seek your signature on a letter to be sent to Canberra Airport regarding a proposal for a parallel runway.

**Key Issues:**

- Mr Stephen Byron, Managing Director of Canberra Airport wrote to you (Attachment A) seeking your general support for the concept of a parallel runway and the airport commencing negotiations with the Department of Defence (Defence), as the agency responsible for land adjacent to the airport site, for a consequential acquisition of Commonwealth land required for the proposed runway.
- Planning for a parallel runway was proposed in the preliminary draft version of Canberra Airport's 2009-2029 Master Plan. In response to issues raised during the public consultation period for the preliminary draft plan, this proposal was removed from the plan submitted to the Minister for his consideration.
- The attached letter of reply to Mr Byron for your signature (Attachment B) notes the statutory public consultation period for Canberra Airport's 2014-2034 draft Master Plan would provide an opportunity for the community and other stakeholders to comment on a proposal for a parallel runway.

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**Action required:**

That you sign the attached letter.

*Leonie Horrocks*  
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 General Manager Airports

13 July 2012

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