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Adelaide Airport Limited submission regarding New Draft Community Aviation Consultation Group Guidelines

Submitted via email to AVPOL@infrastructure.gov.au

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Community Aviation Consultation Group (CCAG) Guidelines.

This submission is provided on behalf of both Adelaide Airport Limited and Parafield Airport Limited (“**together AAL**”) as operators of Adelaide and Parafield Airports.

AAL is a privately owned company supported by four long-term institutional shareholders. Our shareholders are large superannuation funds who have held ownership since privatisation. These funds manage the retirement savings of many Australian families, making them indirect investors in our airports; and our performance as a business directly impacts the lives of many Australians. We have been the custodian of the long-term leases of Adelaide and Parafield Airports from the Commonwealth Government since May 1998. Adelaide Airport is the aviation gateway to South Australia. We are the 5th largest airport in Australia and in the past financial year we saw record passenger numbers, surpassing the previous record set in FY24. Parafield Airport is South Australia’s principal general aviation airport and is one of the largest pilot training airports in the southern hemisphere.

DISCUSSION

AAL has two well established and active Community Consultative Committees, for Adelaide and Parafield Airports respectively. We circulated the new Draft Guidelines to both these groups and sought feedback from participants and our independent Chair of the Committees.

Feedback received was supportive of the updated Guidelines, noting they are similar to our current way of operating and the alignment with the customer and community focus of the Aviation White Paper was welcomed. This reflects AAL’s view and we support the intention of the updated Guidelines.

We note that while the recommendations include representatives from state, territory or local government bodies, they do not include representatives of the Commonwealth. The Chair of our Consultative Committees has previously written to Minister King to raise this as an issue, as has Steve Georganis MP who attends our meetings representing his constituents. This was following member feedback about the lack of Commonwealth representation and the value found in their attendance in previous years. The letter states:

This decision is disappointing, given the excellent engagement, information sharing and relationship benefits that all parties attending the Adelaide and Parafield Airport Community Consultative Committees and associated Planning Coordination Forums have gained from the attendance of senior representatives of the Department.

The Adelaide and Parafield Airport Community Consultative Committees are an integral part of the communication and engagement activities between Adelaide Airport Ltd, all levels of government, aviation agencies, airport tenants/operators, community organisations and the wider community.

A full copy of the letter can be provided on request.



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We support the inclusion of a range of representatives as outlined in the draft recommendations and ask this be extended to include relevant Commonwealth agencies.

CONCLUSION

Thank you again for the opportunity to contribute provide feedback on the Draft Community Aviation Consultation Group (CCAG) Guidelines.

Yours sincerely,
Adelaide and Parafield Airports

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