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DRAFT COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUPS (CACG) GUIDELINES 2025

I refer to the email dated 15 September 2025 inviting comment on the above draft guidelines. The 2025 draft guidelines build on the 2016 guidelines which aim to bring the community and airport operators together to discuss issues that may affect operations and the community. Informed by The Aviation White Paper, the 2025 draft guidelines cover a range of themes including group membership and role, presentation content, reporting and terms of reference.

Current Perth Airport CACG

The Perth Airport Community Briefing Group (CBG) was established in December 2022, following the dissolution of the Perth Airport Community Forum (PACF). The CBG has a Terms of Reference (ToR), runs every 6 months and is attended by Local Government Councillors and senior staff, Airservices Australia, representatives from the freight industry and community members nominated through Members of Parliament. The presentation of planning and development updates by Perth Airport is typically well received by the small number of CBG attendees.

Perth Airport comments on Draft Guidelines

Perth Airport is generally supportive of the draft guidelines. As Perth Airport moves into the delivery phase of our major expansion program, we recognise the importance of communicating with a wide, but also at times specific audience, to ensure consistent messaging and information is being received. Perth Airport is working to undertake this currently, and the ongoing operation of the CBG will complement these broader efforts.

The main issue Perth Airport has faced in its operation of the CBG is attracting consistent numbers of attendees to the meetings. Despite best efforts, the representation outside surrounding Local Government Councillors at the CBG has been lower than expected and this has impacted the group's reach and effectiveness. Perth Airport supports the intention of the draft recommendations which aim to address representation from and participation by the local community (i.e. presentation content, meeting agenda, group membership). The recommendation for an Independent Chair is also supported.

The list of discussion/presentation topics contained a recommendation to include Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) reports on issues which affect the community. Perth Airport is unaware which reports this could relate to or how CASA would add value to the CBG on a regular basis and would appreciate further guidance and detail on the intention of this recommendation.

The timing of the circulation of the draft guidelines is helpful, as Perth Airport is currently reviewing the operation of the CBG. Perth Airport will take some direction from the draft CACG guidelines, and aim to implement some changes ahead of the next CBG meeting to hopefully increase attendance and participation. Any changes proposed to the CBG Terms of Reference will be done in consultation with the Department and the CBG members.

Summary

Perth Airport appreciates the opportunity to comment, and should you require any additional information, please contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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