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Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Communications

By email: drones@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: REGULATION IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS) FOR PROPOSED REFORM TO REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT AND ELECTRIC VERTICAL TAKE-OFF AND LANDING (EVTOL) AIRCRAFT NOISE REGULATIONS.

Reference is made to your recent email to Council on 31 August 2021 seeking comment on the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for proposed reform to Remotely Piloted Aircraft and electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft noise regulations. Thank you for consulting with Council's on the proposed reform.

Council officers have reviewed the options outlined in the RIS to amend the *Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise) Regulations 2018* to improve the management of noise emissions from drone and emerging aviation technologies.

I can confirm officers do not support Option 1 (no change) or Option 2 (deregulation). Option 4 (imposing classification standards) also appears problematic given the constantly evolving and improving technology and the need to continually update the legislation as new technology emerges. Council officers therefore agree that Option 3 (flexible reform) is the most appropriate approach to amending the legislation.

We have outlined in some of our recent correspondence our experiences of the tension between the Commonwealth legislation and the State planning legislation with respect to development site noise impacts from drones and we would encourage to also consider this as part of its review of the legislation.

We would be happy to contribute further or provide further feedback as the Department's review progresses. Should you wish to discuss this matter further please don't hesitate to contact Simon Short on 3412 4816 or via email on simonshort@logan.qld.gov.au

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Ball", positioned above a horizontal line.

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