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Dear Mr McCann

Runway 12 threshold displacement

I am writing to you in relation to Canberra Airport Pty Ltd's (CAPL) proposal to displace the threshold of Runway 12 arrival at Canberra Airport by 360m as soon as practical. As you are aware, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is responsible for administering the *Airports Act 1996*, including ensuring compliance with approved master plans.

On 17 August 2022, CAPL wrote to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) in relation to this proposal. CASA subsequently advised the department on 21 September 2022 that displacing the threshold of Runway 12 as proposed would provide an equivalent level of safety as the existing Runway 12 configuration, with a negligible impact on extant operations.

The current Canberra Airport 2020 draft master plan was approved by the then Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development on 13 February 2020. I confirm that the proposal to displace the Runway 12 threshold is consistent with the current Canberra Airport master plan.

I note that the amended Runway 12 configuration could impact the efficiency and regularity of aircraft operations utilising Runway 12 in the future. Given this, the department expects that CAPL will work closely with CASA in implementing its proposal, including in relation to changes to the Obstacle Limitation Surface, and provide a further written update once the necessary changes have been made.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil McClure', written over a faint watermark.

Phil McClure
Assistant Secretary
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