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Dear Director

Bayside City Council written submission to the on possible reforms to the regulation of on-airport activities under the Airports (Control of On-Airport Activities) Regulations 1997.

Bayside City Council ('Council') appreciates the opportunity offered by the *Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts* ('Department') to make a submission on possible reforms to the regulation of on-airport activities under the *Airports (Control of On-Airport Activities) Regulations 1997* (the Regulations) *Sunsetting Airports regulations Stage 2: Control of On-Airport Activities*.

Overall, Council considers that the protections afforded by the current Regulations are generally effective, however, there are a number of areas that may have the potential to create adverse amenity impacts on Bayside if not carefully considered.

Council notes the current sale of liquor arrangements under the Regulations (Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision 2 and 3) restricts the hours of supply of liquor and also restricts consumption to the airport environs themselves. Council feels these restrictions are entirely appropriate and are commensurate with the goals set out in *Bayside's Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025* which include 'Goal 2- A Healthy and Active community'.

It is current Council policy to minimise the risk of social and economic harm from problem gaming and to protect vulnerable communities. Therefore, Council would be pleased to see the continuation of the current Regulations under Part 5 which currently prohibits gambling at leased federal airports (with limited exceptions).

The Bayside Business District (BBD) is a major focal point for business development and employment opportunities within Bayside, located within a short 4km from Moorabbin Airport. Council notes that thriving and well-functioning airports, both domestic and international in focus, can help the BBD become an advanced

business services precinct in the south-east region of Melbourne and enhance the amenity and appearance of the business employment area to a high level, consistent with the overall amenity of the wider City of Bayside.

As a result of Bayside's location in respect to Moorabbin Airport and general experience with the current Regulations resulting in no detrimental effects on Bayside's amenity, Council would encourage the Department to review the Regulations without substantive changes.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Cripps', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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