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Dear Sir/Madam,

National Airports Safeguarding Framework Implementation Review

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the implementation of the National Airport Safeguarding Framework.

As you would be aware, the City of Playford is located immediately adjacent to RAAF Edinburgh. The main and cross runway approach and take-off paths to the north of the airbase are within the jurisdiction of the City of Playford.

As the local planning authority, the City of Playford has embedded policy and guidance related to the National Airport Safeguarding Framework in its Development Plan. The Development Plan is the document that planners use to assess development applications.

In South Australia, each Council has its own Development Plan which divides the Council into specific zones depending on the residential, commercial or industrial land uses for each location. The plan sets out the desired character for each zone of the Council area, the types of development which are appropriate, and can outline how an area of that Council should be developed in the future.

The City of Playford's Development Plan includes the following provisions that relate to the National Airport Safeguarding Framework:

- A specific General Section focussed on building near airfields. The objectives of this section are to ensure that the long term operational, safety, commercial and military aviation requirements of airfields continue to be met.
- Building and height limits are illustrated on overlay maps. The limits have been developed to prevent the construction of buildings and structures that could potentially pose a hazard to aircraft operations

- Policy has been written that prevents development around airfields that could pose a safety risk, in particular through:
 - Lighting glare
 - Smoke, dust and exhaust emissions
 - Air turbulence
 - Storage of flammable liquids
 - Attraction of birds
 - Reflective surfaces (eg roofs of buildings, large windows)
 - Materials that affect aircraft navigational aids
- Restrictions are placed on outdoor lighting within 6km from the airport
- Restrictions are placed on the construction of waste operations facilities within 3 km from the airport

It is also necessary to note that South Australia is currently undergoing major planning reform. The reform involves a transition where all of the individual Council Development Plans are being replaced by a new state-wide planning and design code. The consultation period for the new Planning and Design Code is currently open and the City of Playford is reviewing the new proposed zones and associated policies and overlays. The City of Playford aims to ensure the new code incorporates the specific provisions listed above. However, it may be appropriate for your Department to engage directly with the SA Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure to discuss their approach to this matter.

I trust that these comments add value to your review. For further information please contact Paul Johnson (Policy Planner) on (08) 8256 0156 or email phjohnson@playford.sa.gov.au

Yours faithfully,



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