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Dear Mr De Graaff

Brisbane Airport Upgrade – Pedestrian, Cycling and Public Transport Access

I write in relation to the Heart Foundation's support for excellent access for pedestrians and cyclists in all developments in Australia, including the Brisbane Airport. It is our understanding from the Brisbane Airport BUG that pedestrian access to the General Aviation Precinct has been removed and that people can no longer access the short walk from public transport stops at the domestic terminal to their workplaces at the General Aviation Precinct. The workplaces affected include the Royal Flying Doctor Service, TOLL freight, GAM and others.

The Heart Foundation is a strong advocate for giving people choices in their modes of transport and we are especially supportive of active transport options because they not only reduce congestion and pollution, they also assist people to live active healthy lives which benefit their heart health. In our vision, it would be wonderful to see the Brisbane Airport as a great example of an accessible place for all people, no matter their mode of transport, as demonstrated internationally at a number of airports including Manchester, Frankfurt, Calgary, Guangzhou and Schiphol.

Because heart disease is the biggest killer of Australians, the Heart Foundation is working towards the creation of healthier built environments and for decades we have supported planners, developers, local governments and communities working towards creating streets, towns and cities that allow, support and encourage active, healthy lives.

Our Healthy Active by Design project www.healthyactivebydesign.com.au is being used to inform pedestrian planning and design, streetscapes, walkable environments and movement networks across Australia. The evidence relating to health and the built environment is an increasingly important consideration for pedestrian planning and design.

We urge you to use Healthy Active by Design to inform the Brisbane Airport upgrade as it provides the best-available evidence, practical advice, checklists, case studies and videos to help the development of healthy neighbourhoods and communities that promote an active life in Australia's places and spaces. It showcases the little and large changes that can lead to population-wide improvement in physical activity levels and heart health.

If you'd like to discuss this issue or need further information, please contact our Active Living Manager, Sheree Hughes

Yours sincerely

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cc. Hon Michael McCormack MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
cc. Hon Alan Tudge MP, Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population