

Dear Productivity Commission

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the draft report on Economic Regulation of Airport Services.

In relation to its draft recommendation 12.1 is supported i.e.

The recent changes to master plan requirements and the introduction of the consultative forums should be allowed to take their course before other policy options are considered. The efficacy of these measures should be reviewed in 2015.

In relation to whether or not an airport should contribute to the cost of infrastructure outside its boundary as a result of on-airport non-aeronautical development it is felt that this should occur. This matter has previously been raised in various Council submissions such as to the Senate Inquiry into the Airports Amendment Bill in 2007 and to the Aviation Green Paper in 2008. There is a strong argument based on equity considerations that Airports must contribute towards their proportion of any necessary upgrades of infrastructure by paying developer contributions in a similar manner and on a similar basis and on similar principles to those paid by major developments in New South Wales. This needs to be seriously considered in this review and appropriate recommendations made accordingly.

Regards,

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