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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 STANDING COMMITTEE ON
 TRANSPORT AND
 REGIONAL SERVICES

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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Re: **INQUIRY INTO COMMERCIAL REGIONAL AVIATION SERVICES IN AUSTRALIA AND TRANSPORT LINKS TO MAJOR POPULATED ISLANDS**

Reference is made to the above inquiry commissioned by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services. Maryborough City Council provides the following comments for the inquiry in relation to the Maryborough Airport.

1. That the Maryborough Airport has been determined as being of State Significance under the Queensland Government State Planning Policy 1/02 - 'Development in the Vicinity of Certain Airports and Aviation Facilities'.
2. That the Maryborough Airport has significant potential for future expansion, including alleviating the over-congestion of air service related industry in South-East Queensland.
3. That the support of air service related industry and flight training schools should be further encouraged in regional airports.
4. That the Wide Bay Integrated Transport Plan has identified the need to preserve appropriate options for maximum utilization of the existing airport in Maryborough in accordance with the respective Master Plan for the airport.
5. The level of commercial air services should be maintained at least at the current level provided.
6. A review of the interconnectivity between air services departing Maryborough and those departing Brisbane should be undertaken.



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7. Investigate the potential to introduce direct regular passenger services between Maryborough and tourist and commercial centres to the north including Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton.
8. Greater financial assistance is needed from State and Federal Governments with regard to maintenance and upgrading of regional airport infrastructure. Specific requirements include upgrading the terminal, car parking facilities, air training facilities, landing facilities, instrumentation to allow for improved instrument approach access and improvements to disability access to air services. The Maryborough City Council has received numerous inquiries to lease facilities for air related services, however relevant infrastructure is not available.

If you require any clarification on the above information, please contact Council's Mrs. Tracey Clayton on 4190 5868.

Yours faithfully,



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