TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of concerned citizens draws to the attention of the House the proposal by Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd (GCA) to create a new flight path over the homes of 60,000 Gold Coast residents by installing an Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Gold Coast Airport (the proposal).

We therefore ask the House: to call on the responsible Minister to reject the proposal. We request this because the proposal would create disproportionate negative impacts and is not supported by Government policy, namely:

1. Significant increases in visual, audible and environmental pollution causing a loss of amenity for Gold Coast residents and tourists.

2. It fails to adequately assess health risks identified with living under flight paths.

3. Diminished property values.

4. It's stated objectives of increasing reliability from 99.98% to over 99.99% will not necessarily be achieved.

5. Adverse economic impact of new building height restrictions over the Gold Coast's principle high rise area.

6. The associated costs outweigh its benefits.

7. Information from the GCA during the consultation period lacked independence and transparency.

8. GCA's commercial objectives should not create disproportionate disadvantage to the Gold Coast community.

9. ILS is old technology and is inconsistent with Government policy to deploy modern aviation technology to boost safety and service delivery, e.g. GCA's recently installed RNP system.

We therefore ask the House to do all in its power to reject the proposed new flight path at Gold Coast Airport.