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Dr Dennis Jensen MP
Chair
Standing Committee on Petitions
House of Representatives
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Dear Dr ~~Jensen~~

Dennis

Thank you for your letter dated 22 September 2015 regarding a petition to reject a new flight path at Gold Coast Airport due to the proposed installation of an Instrument Landing System (ILS).

In accordance with the *Airports Act 1996* (the Airports Act), on 25 September 2015 Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd (GCAPL) formally lodged the draft Major Development Plan (MDP) for the proposed ILS with my office for my decision. The draft MDP is currently under assessment.

The proposed ILS installation involves three separate regulatory approval processes for:

- works on Commonwealth-leased airport land under the Airports Act;
- works on NSW state land under the *Air Services Act 1995* (the Air Services Act); and
- approval of a new flight path under the Air Services Act and the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, taking into consideration advice from the Minister for the Environment under s. 160 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Under the Airports Act, the draft MDP submitted to me seeks approval for the installation of the ILS infrastructure on Commonwealth-leased airport land only. However, in deciding whether to approve the development, I am required to give due regard to the impact the development would likely have on the environment, including aircraft noise impacts, and the outcome of consultations undertaken by the airport in preparing the draft MDP.

I can assure you I will carefully consider stakeholder views as part of this assessment, including the concerns raised in the petition, as well as all other submissions received during the public consultation process conducted by GCAPL and correspondence directed to my office.

Thank you again for taking the time to write and inform me of your concerns on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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