Committee Secretary

Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Canberra ACT 2600

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Inquiry into the Airports Amendment Bill 2016

Dear Committee Secretary,

I write to you in relation to the Senate Inquiry into the provisions of the *Airports Amendment Bill 2016*. Brisbane Airport Corporation Pty Limited (BAC) welcomes the opportunity to provide input to this Inquiry.

BAC strongly supports the proposed amendments in the *Airports Amendment Bill 2016* as they reflect and respond to the changes in the economic environment in which airports now operate. These amendments remove out-dated regulatory burdens and will assist the federally leased airports, including Brisbane, to continue providing significant contributions to our national economy. Brisbane Airport is Australia's third busiest airport by passenger numbers and the top ranked Australian airport by passengers and airlines across a range of national and international measures. Brisbane Airport is also Australia's largest capital city airport by site size and has underway a major capital works program to expand the airport. This works program is highlighted by our $1.4 billion investment in a new parallel runway which will double the airport's runway capacity and enable the growth in the national aviation industry and visitor economy.

BAC endorses the submission to this Inquiry by the Australian Airports Association (AAA) and commends it to your committee.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly on (07) 3406 5775 or via email Rachel.crowley@bnhe.com.au

Sincerely

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