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RE: AIR SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2018 INQUIRY

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 April inviting submissions in regard to the Air Services Amendment Bill 2018.

As an isolated jurisdiction the Northern Territory has a strong reliance on our air connections to intrastate, interstate and international destinations. As both our air services and urban areas grow it is important that the impacts on the environment and public amenity are considered.

The expansion of Airservices Australia's activities to protect the human and natural environment, community amenity and residential areas from aircraft operations are welcomed, including the establishment of an Independent Community Aviation Advocate and an Independent Aircraft Noise Ombudsman.

The Northern Territory Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics supports the bill.

Yours sincerely

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