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Senator Murray Watt: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 20 October 2020—

Senator WATT: To that point, could you come back to us on notice to tell us which other airports in Australia do have a major road that crosses a public safety zone? You're saying that you think Canberra airport would be one such example. Mr Atkinson: Just obviously. Senator WATT: I don't know where the public safety zone in that particular airport is. Mr Atkinson: The public safety zone is only in force in Queensland. Mr Carmody: Yes. It's not defined anywhere else. I'll take the matter on notice and construct the best response I can, understanding the question that you're asking.

Answer —

The National Airports Safeguarding Framework (NASF) guidelines on Public Safety Areas (PSAs) agreed in November 2018 provides guidance to state and territories on the application of PSAs.

All leased federal airports are expected to consider public safety risk on the leased airport area. It is up to each state and territory and local government to decide if and how to implement the new NASF PSA guidelines into their own planning schemes. Queensland and New South Wales (for Western Sydney Airport) have requirements for the application of PSAs.

It is common for roads outside of the airport to pass close to the end of a runway and there are examples of this throughout Australia, including Sydney (Kingsford Smith Airport) and Canberra. Canberra for instance has Pialligo Avenue located within 50m of the runway pavement, with High Intensity Approach Lighting operating across the road.