Attention The Secretary
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Re Review of Aviation Security in Australia

The Warrnambool Airport is owned and operated by the Warrnambool City Council. The Airport Services an RPT Operation between Warrnambool and Essendon (Melbourne) with 12 scheduled flights per week which brings the Airport into the security regime. The Airport is available for use 24/7.

As a Regional Airport and funded by local government, with limited resources and funding, the new security arragements imposed on the Airport has resulted in additional costs in managing and maintaining this Airport. The Council believes that as time goes on, the security arrangements imposed, Council will continue to incur additional costs in complying with the Aviation Security Act & Regulations.

Councils costs have increased in executing the following and keeping records of the following;

Developing Transport Security Program.

Joint Transport Security Programs with Airside Facility Operators.

ASIC Program and the issuing of ASIC Cards.

Implementing a Security Committee.

Undertaking Risk assessments and developing funding applications for improvements to security measures.

In the future there will be costs for training of Security Personal and in the event of any threat the cost in providing on site staff for screening purposes.

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