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Dear Mr Broe



### Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion



Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed expansion of the Sunshine Coast Airport.



Along with other key stakeholders, the Property Council worked closely with the Sunshine Coast Council on the development of the *Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Strategy 2013-2033* (REDS).



Integral to the success of the REDS 20-year vision for the future of the Sunshine Coast, is an airport capable of servicing current and predicted demand for passenger and freight services.



An expanded airport will unlock economic benefits for the region, through providing access to global tourist markets, events, and the development of a new aviation and aerospace industry hub.



As noted in the EIS, the airport is expected to deliver \$4.1 billion to Gross Regional Product between 2020 and 2040, along with generating over 2,000 direct and indirect full time jobs by 2040.



With a goal of 2020 for the completion of the airport expansion, it is imperative that works, such as the EIS, are undertaken now.



We are pleased to note that along with the above economic benefits, the expansion will also deliver considerable social and environmental benefits to the Sunshine Coast.



Of particular social benefit will be the reduction in the number of residents affected by aircraft noise, as a result of the new alignment of the runway.

The improvements in noise outcomes will also have broader environmental benefits, as will the mitigation and offset activities being undertaken to counter any potential environmental impacts through the construction phase.

As one of the fastest growing regions in Australia, the Sunshine Coast must have an airport that not only caters for its growing population, but also establishes the infrastructure necessary to support its economic growth and competitiveness.

The Property Council is pleased to provide its support for this project.

If you have any questions regarding the Property Council or this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07 3225 3000 or [cmountford@propertyoz.com.au](mailto:cmountford@propertyoz.com.au).

Yours sincerely

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