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Ms Christine Underwood Inquiry into Airport Regulation Productivity Commission GPO Box 1428 CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Dear Ms Underwood

I am writing with regard to the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into Airport Regulation.

Although the ACT Government has not prepared a formal submission to the development of your draft report, we strongly support your full examination of the current economic regulation and service monitoring regime for Australian airports.

Canberra Airport is an important element of the ACT's economy and the ACT Government works closely with the Airport's owners and the Australian Government to foster its ongoing growth. However, this growth must be sustainable, it must be well planned and managed, and it must take account of the impact that it has on airport users and on the Territory's planning policies and infrastructure.

The ACT Government welcomes the current inquiry and looks forward to the opportunity to provide comment on your draft report in August 2011.

Yours sincerely

Jon Stanhope MLA Chief Minister

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