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### **Aviation Green Paper Submission: Lotte Duty Free**

As a long-standing stakeholder in Australia's Travel Retail industry, Lotte Duty Free welcomes the opportunity to provide this submission to the Australian Government's Aviation Green Paper. This process comes at an important time for the aviation sector and will position the industry for enhanced efficiency, productivity and competitiveness through to 2050.

Lotte Duty Free wishes to endorse the submission provided by Australia Pacific Airports Corporation (APAC) which outlines the vital role that Melbourne Airport plays in not only the aviation sector, but also the broader economy. It also includes the following key recommendations:

#### **International Aviation**

- Lotte Duty Free recommends that the Australian Government adopt an 'open skies' approach to bilateral air service agreements and the attraction of international airlines to Australia. Increasing competition within the sector will provide travellers with more choice and will put downwards pressure on airfares.

#### **Airport Development Planning Processes**

- Lotte Duty Free recommends that airport planning processes that are administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA) are modernised through the removal of the Major Development Plan (MDP) monetary threshold. This threshold does not reflect the reality of major development at airports and should be removed in favour of existing community and environmental triggers.
- Lotte Duty Free recommends that precinct MDPs should also be accepted and encouraged by DITRDCA as part of its planning policy to reduce the administrative burden on both airports and the Department.
- Lotte Duty Free recommends that the operating model of the Airport Building Controller (ABC) is reviewed so that it can more effectively manage the volume of building permits at major airports and ensure that it is not a handbrake on the delivery of capital and enhancements to the passenger experience.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission. Further detail on these recommendations can be found in the submission from APAC.

We look forward to working with the Department to set the policy direction for the future of Australia's aviation sector.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Timms', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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