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Aviation Reform Team
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

By email: aviationreform@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Sir / Madam,

Proposed Amendment to Regulations under Airports Act 1996 – Stage 1A Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the options being considered under the Sunsetting Airports Regulations Stage 1a Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement.

In relation to subleases, licencing and reporting timeframes relating to ownership matters, Essendon Airport Pty Ltd (EAPL) is generally supportive of the Option 3 proposal to remake the *Airports Regulations 1997* and the *Airports (Ownership Interest in Shares) Regulations 1997* with changes.

We provide the following responses in relation to the Option 3 consultation questions:

Subleases and Licensing

- 1. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed amendments? Please specify.**
 - EAPL agrees with the proposed amendments.
- 2. Can you suggest any improvements to the proposed amendments (e.g. is there anything else that should be included)?**
 - EAPL believes the proposed amendments are comprehensive.
- 3. What level of benefit would you expect these changes to bring to your business?**
 - EAPL considers these changes would ease the administrative burden on EAPL administering these requirements.
- 4. Are there other opportunities to streamline and reduce red tape in regard to subleases and licensing?**
 - Not so far as EAPL is aware.
- 5. Do you agree with the Department's estimate of the regulatory impact of proposed changes?**
 - Yes, the Department's estimate of the regulatory impact seems appropriate.



Ownership

1. **Do you agree or disagree with the proposed amendments? Please specify.**
 - EAPL agrees with the proposed amendments.
2. **Can you suggest any improvements to the proposed amendments (e.g. is there anything else that should be included)?**
 - EAPL believes the proposed amendments are comprehensive.
3. **What level of benefit would you expect these changes to bring to your business?**
 - EAPL considers these changes would ease the administrative burden on EAPL administering these requirements.
4. **How could airport ownership remain as competitive as possible, while protecting Australia's national infrastructure?**
 - This issue is not as relevant to EAPL compared to some other airports, so we do not have an opinion at this time.
5. **Do you agree with the Department's estimate of the regulatory impact of proposed changes?**
 - Yes, the Department's estimate of the regulatory impact seems appropriate.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] if you have any questions in relation to this submission.

Yours sincerely
Essendon Airport Pty Ltd

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