



Australian Government

Department of Transport and Regional Services

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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your electronic correspondence of 15 June 2006 to the Hon Warren Truss MP, Minister for Transport and Regional Services regarding the possible relocation of Jandakot Airport. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf. I apologise for the delay in replying.

In May 2006, the owners of Jandakot Airport Holdings Pty Ltd (JAH) briefed the Minister on a plan they are considering to relocate Jandakot Airport. Subsequently, JAH discussed the plan with agencies within the Minister's portfolio including the Department of Transport and Regional Services, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and AirServices Australia. The plan has not developed to an extent where it requires a decision from the Australian Government. JAH has been advised that the Australian Government reserves its position on the plan until more details on its feasibility become available.

My understanding is that as well as having discussions with agencies within the Minister's portfolio, JAH has been consulting more broadly on its plan. As part of testing of the plan's feasibility, it is expected that JAH would consult with tenants of the airport and other stakeholders including airport users. If the plan was to proceed beyond this stage, JAH would need to put a compelling business case to the Australian Government including, amongst other things, the outcome of consultations with airport stakeholders. The business case would need to convincingly demonstrate how the aviation industry and the community more generally would benefit from the relocation of Jandakot Airport. The Minister has made it clear that he will not agree to any proposal that disadvantages general aviation in the Perth area.

Thank you for raising your concerns with the Minister. If you have not already done so, you may also wish to draw your concerns to the attention of JAH.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N Williams'.

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30 July 2006