



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Our ref: PP1881-12

Your ref: Petitions

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1881-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 31 July 2012 about Bundaberg Air Services.

The Queensland Government recognises the importance of the State's regional airports in driving economic development, particularly in relation to growth in inward tourism traffic. However, airline route decisions are a matter for airline companies. Their decisions are based on passenger numbers, availability of suitable aircraft, competition from the competing drive market, and proximity of existing competing airports such as Hervey Bay and Gladstone.

While the Queensland Government does subsidise some airline services to remote airstrips in Western Qld and the Gulf which would otherwise have no air connections for essential services, a coastal location like Bundaberg which is currently serviced by Qantas flights, is not currently eligible for this support.

Yours sincerely

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