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MEDIA RELEASE

MINISTER ALBANESE'S Airport Master Plan Approval Challenged

Last Friday, 17th August, Airport Chamber of Commerce Inc. ("AACCI") commenced proceedings against the Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister (Mr Anthony Albanese) in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal of the Federal Court ("AAT") to have the recent decision of Minister Albanese in approving the 2011-2031 Master Plan for Archerfield Airport set aside.

It is alleged that Mr Albanese made the decision without due regard for the interests of airports users and the community as required by the *Airports Act 1996*, and that he and his department had dismissed the objections of many aviation stakeholders and the residents in the airport surrounding areas in approving the plan.

Furthermore that the Minister had exceeded the powers vested in the Commonwealth by the *Air Navigation Act 1937[Qld]* in so far as the degradation of standards and reduction in capability of Archerfield Airport consequent to the implementation of the new Master Plan will damage Air Commerce within the State of Queensland.

These and other relevant matters will be placed before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, a legislative review body with oversight of Federal Legislation and with similar powers to the Minister.

The relief sought is:

1. Pursuant to section 41(2) of the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975* (AAT Act) pending the hearing of the review the decision be stayed.
2. The decision of the Minister be set aside.
3. A decision refusing to approve the Master Plan be substituted for the Minister's decision.
4. In the alternative, the Minister is directed to take all relevant legislation and more specifically the *Air Navigation Act 1937[Qld]* ("ANA") as well as the objections of all interested parties into consideration before making a final determination in respect of the approval of the Master Plan.
5. Such further and or alternative relief the Tribunal may find appropriate.

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Attachment : AAT Application