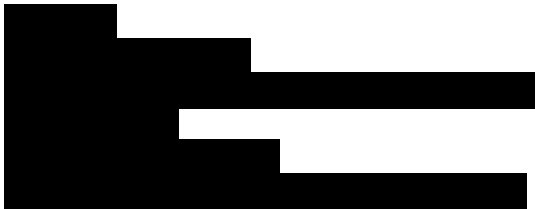




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To whom it may concern

BRISBANE AIRPORT CORPORATION PTY LTD SUBMISSION

Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) welcomes the Commonwealth's review of Sydney Airport's Demand Management.

Sydney Airport (SYD) is Brisbane Airport's (BNE) most important city pair, with 4,834,000 passengers and 35,732 movements representing 27% of all pax and movements at BNE in calendar year 2019. Importantly, BNE connects many regional Queensland ports with SYD, playing an important role in feeding SYD traffic into regional parts of our state.

As such constraints at SYD have the effect of limiting growth at BNE and passenger flow throughout Queensland.

BAC notes, in particular, the impact of the hourly movement cap at SYD on the national aviation network. The combination of the Sydney curfew, and the movement cap, can at times, create significant issues at ports around the country and creating real and costly inconvenience for the travelling public.

The inflexibility of the hourly cap, for example during weather events, is worthy of serious consideration for relaxation. BAC notes the issues paper raises some potential solutions to the operation of the cap and encourages the Commonwealth to identify and implement one which would allow SYD to operate to the cap limitations, at the very least.

In reference to slot management at SYD, BAC notes the impact of COVID-19 on airlines and the potential impact this will have on their future ability to increase capacity by up-gauging aircraft types on a service. This airline challenge, combined with the reality of slot constraints at SYD will have the effect of limiting the recovery and future growth of the BNE-SYD route.

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