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Sydney Airport Demand Management: Discussion Paper

The CWA of NSW takes a strong interest in the management of flights in and out of Sydney airport, and in particular the regional access regimes.

Timely, affordable, reliable access to Sydney airport for customers from the regions is beneficial for both regional communities and for Sydney. Flights operating in and out of regional areas facilitate tourism, jobs, move agricultural goods, assist to combat regional isolation and access to health, education, and facilitate business and economic opportunities. The availability of a reliable, regular and frequent flight service goes a long way to enhancing the desirability of regional living, which in turn has the vast potential to alleviate the pressure on Sydney.

The CWA of NSW appreciates and supports the need to review the current Sydney Airport Demand Management system, the regional access regimes including the 'regional ringfence' which creates rules and the regulations of the guarantees for both peak and non-peak regional flights. We also agree that it is timely to now review the regulations given the disruption and significant reduction in passengers currently being experienced at Sydney airport due to COVID-19.

The CWA of NSW supports amendments that uphold and enhance the guarantee for regional flights, particularly in peak time slots. We support better and more consistent access to Sydney for regional time slots, and vice-versa, for example flights between 7am-9am to align with the business day and needs of regional business travellers.

The CWA of NSW would also like to see incentivisation for the creation of more flights from more regional locations, and improved connection to international services for agricultural and seafood exports, and tourism linkages for domestic and international travel.

Once again, we appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important review.

