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Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

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Dear **s. 47F(1)**

Brisbane Airport Corporation Pty Ltd – New Parallel Runway (EPBC 2005/2144)

On 27 May 2005 the above proposal was referred to the Department of the Environment and Water Resources, under Section 160 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)* for assessment and advice on the environmental impacts associated with the proposal. The action was assessed by joint environmental impact statement / major development plan.

As the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and in accordance with Section 163 of the *EPBC Act*, I have now completed my consideration of the proposed action. The environmental impacts of the New Parallel Runway have been considered under this assessment and it is recommended that the following issues should be considered further by the Commonwealth Government:

- The impact of activities within the Obstacle Limitation Surface is a significant safety issue for the operation of the Airport, and the management of such risks should be reviewed by Airservices Australia prior to operation of the New Parallel Runway.
- Airservices Australia should take account of the options to mitigate noise impacts outlined in the draft Environmental Impact Statement and supplement, and require validation of the uncertainties inherent in the forecasts when conducting the safety case and environmental assessment of the proposal, prior to operation of the New Parallel Runway.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Turnbull'.

Malcolm Turnbull