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Re: BFPCA Scorecard

Dear David,

We write in response to your letter of 4 March 2022 on behalf the Liberal National Party and The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development. The LNP remains committed to improving the noise outcomes experienced by Brisbane residents adversely impacted by parallel runway operations at Brisbane Airport. Since the New Parallel Runway (NPR) opened in 2020, the Coalition Government has taken decisive steps to ensure that residents under Brisbane flight paths do not experience unreasonable and excessive aircraft noise inconsistent with the community consultation process undertaken during the planning and development of the NPR.

In September 2021, in response to concerns raised by residents, the Coalition Government established a new, independent body, the Brisbane Airport Post-Implementation Review Advisory Forum (The Forum) to augment Airservices Australia's Post Implementation-Review (PIR) process, which had been expedited as a result of community complaints. The Forum has now released two interim reports detailing a swathe of recommendations to effect change across the short, medium and long terms, including:

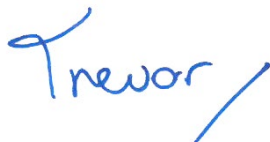
1. The re-drawing of Brisbane's flight paths to allow more flights over the bay and less concentration over densely-populated areas;
2. Steeper approaches and departures with earlier turns to direct flights over land away from densely-populated areas as soon as possible;
3. The full use of runways for departures over land;
4. Extending SODPROPS hours to provide respite to affected communities;
5. Review of runway operating modes;
6. Raising the tailwind limit to 7 knots to allow more flights over the bay (pending CASA approval); and
7. The appointment of a specialist aviation consultancy, Trax International, to independently oversee the Airservices PIR process.

The Minister has directed Airservices to begin work on a number of these changes and to ensure improvements for residents are achieved as soon as possible. Please see the Liberal National Party's response in respect of the specific policy concerns you have raised over the page.

1. Independent Reviews	Committed , delivered in the January 2022 Report by the appointment of independent consultants Trax International and in their comprehensive interim report of March 2022.
2. Ministerial Direction	Committed , redesign of the Brisbane airspace and flight paths is underway following the March 2022 Report recommendations; the Minister has directed Airservices and the Forum to implement this commitment.
3. Brisbane Airport Community Forum	Committed , delivered in Sep 2021 with the creation of the Brisbane Forum as an independent and fully funded body, and the Forum's term is to be extended for as long as required until this issue is resolved, possibly indefinitely. The BACACG is not a Federal Government body, its oversight and direction is an internal matter for BAC.
4. Long-Term Operating Plan	Committed , following the March 2022 Report recommendations.
5. Curfew	Committed , a curfew remains a live option in the long-term operating plan if other measures fail to deliver the necessary improvements.
6. Airport Capacity Declaration	Committed , movement caps remain a live option in the long-term operating plan if other measures fail to deliver the necessary improvements.
7. Collect Aircraft Noise Levies	Undecided , this idea has not been raised or considered previously.
8. Amending Airservices Legislation	Committed , human and natural environment and community amenity should be prioritised. However, the first the focus must be the culture and practices of Airservices, because if they aren't effectively fulfilling their charter, then changing the charter doesn't help.

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of these important measures and engage constructively with the community and stakeholders to deliver meaningful change for residents.

Kind regards,



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