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Dear Sir / Madam

### **BALLARAT PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C185**

In response to its letter dated 23 March 2015, DEDJTR has received the following further advice and reports by email (4 June 2015) from Harwood Andrews on behalf of the proponent:

- "Advice regarding potential response of birds to the proposed Ballarat Livestock Exchange" Biosis, 2 June 2015
- Email from John Hartigan, Airport Manager & Program Development Office, City of Ballarat (dated 4 June 2015) providing the Council's response as the owner and operator of Ballarat Airport to the above Biosis report

DEDJTR has considered the above reports and advice and is now satisfied that the proponent has addressed the provisions of the National Airports Safeguarding Framework (NASF) Guideline C: *Managing the Risk of Wildlife Strikes in the Vicinity of Airports*.

The Biosis report notes that

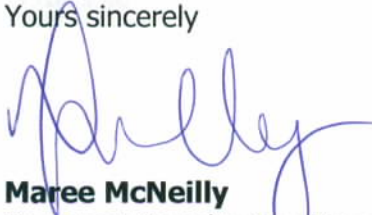
- Several wetlands already exist within 3km of the Ballarat Airport with a total area of 69.6 hectares.
- The saleyards proposal would increase this surface water area by almost 2.9 hectares (4% increase)
- Any aircraft overflying the site will be at least 304 metres overhead, at a height with low incidence of waterfowl flight (0.5%)
- The design of waste water treatment ponds and the proposed irrigation scheme will assist in mitigating a slight increase in the total available wetland area habitat due to the Livestock Exchange

The extent of wetlands within 3km of the airport is not addressed an environmental issues in the *Ballarat Airport Master Plan 2013* which notes at (p72) "*Whilst NASF has not yet been formally implemented in the Victorian planning system, Council should be aware of and consider its principles and guidelines when making decisions relating to land use and development on and around Ballarat Airport....*"

See: <http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/pbs/city-strategy/strategic-projects-and-frameworks/completed/aerodrome-masterplan.aspx>

Given that these concerns have been addressed, the DEDJTR does not wish to attend the Public Hearing to be held to consider Planning Scheme Amendment C185.

Yours sincerely



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