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To Whom it may concern,

My Wife and I own two companies in two separate hangars at Toowoomba City Aerodrome and we are a family-owned business that employs Engineers, Pilots, Apprentices, and Admin staff. We actively support the collective bargaining notification by Toowoomba City Community Aerodrome Inc. Collective bargaining will benefit ourselves and our 22 staff and the Toowoomba community as a whole.

The Toowoomba Aerodrome is home to various businesses, many of which are family-owned, as well as supporting life-saving emergency services such as LifeFlight, Royal Flying Doctor Service, QLD Police, and QLD Fire and Rescue Service. Austrek Aviation is an Air Transport provider to the local community, the Oil & Gas Industry, along with many other large business entities. We have two hangars on the aerodrome with the second hangar being the base for our Jetfix Aircraft Maintenance business and both are at capacity with our aircraft, as well as our customer's aircraft.

The Toowoomba Regional Council has delayed renewing our leases on the aerodrome for a period in excess of two years and this is creating uncertainty in our business as we have no security of tenure.

We know that there will be major benefits associated with Collective Bargaining.

- It will assist us in securing fairer rents and longer leases, which will enable business growth and security. *"In accordance with the Airport Deed between the Commonwealth and The City of Toowoomba" Dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 1993. **Local Authority Undertakings Para "L". (Previous investment decisions, that people have made over the past decades, have been against the background of the original deed and past commercial practice of Council.)***
- Communications between leaseholders and Council will recommence.
- Providing security of tenure will allow us to invest more money into the local community

Each Leaseholder on our aerodrome has agreed to participate in collective bargaining thus eliminating any competition concerns. We all wish to enter the Collective Bargaining process because the benefits are something that we all look forward to receiving, as a group. We urge the ACCC to approve this notification to allow us to negotiate collectively for better terms for all users of the aerodrome.

Regards

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