

Submission by Keith Mackenzie-22 November 2024

As an aircraft owner based at the Toowoomba City Community Aerodrome, I support the Toowoomba City Community Aerodrome Inc in their endeavours to collectively bargain with the Toowoomba Regional Council to achieve fair and equitable leasing to existing and future lease holders. The outcome will affect my ability to purchase a lease and/or rent available hangarage for my aircraft. Toowoomba City Aerodrome is an important regional gateway and provides significant economic benefits to the whole Toowoomba region and local community. It was suggested that the Council may put existing and future leases out to tender, which will bias the commercial viability of these businesses and have current leaseholders fearful of losing their investment in infrastructure to run their businesses. It is important that all leaseholders are treated equally to ensure fair competition. Collective bargaining is important to achieve this outcome.