

28/11/2024

Dear ACCC,

As a future tenant of the Toowoomba City Aerodrome, **Precision Aerial Meandarra** wishes to support the collective bargaining notification by Toowoomba City Community Aerodrome Inc.

We are Queensland's primary fixed-wing fire suppression supplier and a key partner in the state's bushfire strategy. Operating under a 5-year contract with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) or QFD, having aircraft hangarage at Toowoomba City Aerodrome is crucial for fulfilling our obligations to the State.

We subsequently wish to lease land at the aerodrome and construct a very large hangar suitable for accommodating our fleet of Air Tractor aircraft utilised for aerial fire suppression across SE Queensland, Australia and internationally.

To date, Toowoomba Regional Council has delayed offering us a lease which has led to considerable uncertainty in our business. We wish to expand our operation by constructing this hangar and employing additional crew (pilots, maintenance & support persons). During the fire season, the fleet of contracted aircraft remain vulnerable to extreme weather events, jeopardising our ability to fulfill contractual obligations to the State and country.

We know that there will be major benefits of Collective Bargaining.

- It will assist us in securing fairer rents and longer leases, which will enable business growth and security.
- Negotiations between leaseholders and Council will run smoothly and there will be fewer legal costs.
- Ensuring the viability of our businesses will support local services and employment.

We wish to enter the Collective Bargaining process because the benefits are something that we all look forward to receiving as a group. We subsequently urge the ACCC to approve this notification to allow us to negotiate collectively for better terms for all users of the aerodrome.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Kind regards

Fiona Hill
Owner & Business Manager
Mob 0428 656611