



District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

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Following the submission of a development application and advertising for public comment for a pilot training school at the Port Lincoln Airport, the Council has received a number of comments referring to a lack of consultation for this project including the presumption that contracts/leases have been signed.

The only agreement between the Council and the proponent currently in place involves the temporary use of a portion of the Airport Administration building for office space in addition to landing fees.

The District Council has responsibility for the Port Lincoln Airport as the owner and operator, and has responsibility to provide services across the entire District. We are also mindful of the concerns around the current flight activities and as would occur in any similar circumstances (e.g. loss of rail grain freight, increased traffic volumes, impacts on aquaculture etc), we are working with the proponent to address valid concerns. We are pleased with the responses to date from these discussions.

Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley asks that landowners and residents provide comment to Council directly on any valid issues and concerns regarding current operations, adding “this project, if approved, offers both opportunities and challenges for the Council and the community. Council’s objective is always to work with the community to facilitate the best outcomes for our district. Council acknowledge that the Port Lincoln Airport is the premier regional airport in South Australia and on behalf of the Lower Eyre Peninsula region will do its utmost to preserve that status.”