

IN-CONFIDENCE REPORT – 10 JULY 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

Item No	21.3
Report Title	'A Business Case for the Upgrade of the Kangaroo Island Airport' Report
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Attachments	Nil
Hours to compile	25.0
Strategic Plan Reference	1.29 – In conjunction with the State Government and applicable Stakeholders identify issues relating to 'Access to the Island, Ports, Airport and Wharf'
Purpose	To receive and consider the release of report 'A Business Case for the Upgrade of the Kangaroo Island Airport at Kingscote'
Executive Summary	The Airport is key infrastructure and there are many people whom have a stake in its future – the wider Community as a means of access to the Mainland and then tourism operators for whom the Airport is a poorly developed asset. The potential for an upgraded airport to be a game-changer for international tourist numbers cannot be ignored and it is vital that everyone with an interest in the airport can review the document and contribute feedback if they desire.
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the report 'A Business Case for the Upgrade of the Kangaroo Island Airport at Kingscote' be received for information.2. That this report be made a public document and a link provided on Council's website.
Discussion	<p>The working draft of the report 'A Business Case for the Upgrade of the Kangaroo Island Airport' was distributed to members at 13 May 2013 Informal Gathering with the confirmed final report and appendices available on 17 May 2013.</p> <p>Due to size of the final document two copies were bound and made available to Elected Members on request.</p> <p>It is now recommended that this report be released to the public for information.</p>

Governance Considerations

(relates to consistent management, cohesive policies, guidance, processes and decision-rights for a given area of responsibility)

The information in this report is of public interest and therefore it would be useful to have the report in the public realm for feedback.

Risk Management Considerations

(identification, assessment, and prioritization of risks (defined as the effect of uncertainty on objectives, whether positive or negative) followed by coordinated and economical application of resources to minimize, monitor, and control the probability and/or impact of unfortunate events or to maximize the realization of opportunities)

Nil at this time.

Economic Considerations

(Assessment of likely financial implications of pursuing a course of action)

Nil at this time.

Social Considerations

(Assessment of likely impacts with the Community)

The airport is essential infrastructure for the Island Community in terms of maintaining an alternate access option for Islanders. In addition to this it is an enabler for tourism on the Island and is currently considered by the majority of tourist operators to be a barrier to growth of international tourism because of its inability to handle the aircraft used by first level airlines such as Qantas. The easier the process for tourists to access Kangaroo Island the more likely they are to visit – direct flight capability from East / West Coast Cities to the Island will open up the Island for time-poor International travellers and boost the tourist economy. Additional operators are likely to have a positive competitive effect on fares which has a direct benefit to the Island Community.

Environmental Considerations

(Assessment of likely impacts on the environment)

Nil at this time.