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**Re: Turbine Precinct and project** 

## Re: Turbine project at Sunshine Coast Airport

This letter is written on behalf of the Organisation Sunshine Coast Association of Residents Inc. (OSCAR) OSCAR Inc. is a non-partisan, Not for Profit umbrella organisation that includes some 30+ resident and community groups in the Sunshine Coast and Noosa Shire Local Government Areas (LGA's).

I am using the generic email address as trying to obtain a direct email address to the CEO has proved impossible. I have tried to arrange a meeting unsuccessfully with the CEO re our issues.

There has been considerable media over the last almost twelve months regarding the Turbine Project to be constructed at the Gateway Precinct of the Sunshine Coast Airport. There has also been some conflicting information given at a Community Aviation Forum which we seek to clarify.

As a community organisation peak body with member groups across the Coast we are seeking clarification of a number of issues arising from the minimal information in the public arena.

The questions to which we would appreciate answers are:

- 1. Who is the sponsor of this project Sunshine Coast Airport (SCAP), Sunshine Coast Regional Council, the Queensland State Government, Palisades, or the Australian Government?
- 2. Media reports, quoting Andrew Brodie (SCAP CEO) indicate that this project is "consistent with the Airport Master Plan". We ask how this can be when it was made very clear in the discussion at SCRC Ordinary meeting in November 2021 that the then referred Master Plan has only been accepted by SCRC and not endorsed and that it is NOT a Land Use Plan? We seek your response.
- 3. We also understand that the project in land use terms is classed as a "high impact industry" proposal. We question why, such a proposal would be considered for the Airport site which is adjacent to a residential and tourism area? We seek your response.
- 4. Media reports also indicate that the building constructed will be 20,000sq.m. Can you please confirm this and include in your response a map of the airport showing the site location and site coverage? This building is considerably larger than the Maroochydore Bunnings which is approximately 14,000+ square metres.
- 5. Media comments, including those from the Airport CEO commented on the suitability of the site for air export, taking advantage of the construction of the new runway and the hope of flights to new parts of the world. Can you please inform us about which flights and to which countries and:
- a) What percentage of the product from this facility will depart by air from SCAP?
- b) What percentage will be trucked to Brisbane for either land, sea or air transport?
- c) What are the proposed days and hours of operation of this facility?
- d) What type and size of transport to and from the airport will be used and within what hours will it travel?
- e) Which routes and access points to the airport will traffic to this facility use?

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- 6. The media reports stated that there would be 687 jobs at the facility once construction is completed. However, at the last Community Aviation Forum (CAF) it was stated that the project would create 580 jobs.
- a) How was this precise figure determined and why the different numbers?
- b) Will the proposed labour force be casual or permanent and what pay levels will apply to that workforce? (nos. on various pay levels)
- c) Given the suggested number of 580 or 687 workers what parking provisions are being made and how many carparks will be provided on site for the workers? Are you expecting that workers will park off site and if so where?
- 7. What is the timing for delivery of this proposed project?
- 8. Given the May 2022 Federal Election, what guarantee do you have that the funding promised by the Member for Fairfax, Ted O'Brien will be available under the new government's budget strategy?

Yours sincerely

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