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To Whom It May Concern

Phase Out of Perfluorooctane Sulfonate-Related Chemicals (PFOS) - Regulatory Impact Statement

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the phase out of PFOS within Australia. Canberra Airport supports Option 4 as discussed within the October 2017 Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) *National Phase Out of PFOS, Ratification of the Stockholm Convention Amendment on PFOS*.

I note the phase out of PFOS is targeted at the appropriate disposal of old legacy firefighting foams containing PFOS, including mandating that any new foams used by Australian or state Government firefighting agencies are PFOS free. The RIS also foreshadows prohibiting PFOS in aviation hydraulic fluids, and other uses, so that ultimately PFOS is restricted to use in X-rays and alike. In preparing the next stage of this phase out of PFOS for consultation it would be useful to include the process for disposing of PFOS containing product for each state and territory within the five-year timeframe.

The RIS indicates that while PFOS is not known to be present in imported consumer products, it outlines perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) are used in products such as carpets, upholstery fabrics, non-stick cookware and children's clothing and accessories. It would be pertinent in the next round of consultation to outline the Australian Government's plan to phase out PFCs more generally in Australia.

Should you wish to discuss this important matter I can be contacted directly on (02) 6274 2255 or via return email n.mccann@canberraairport.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Noel McCann".

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