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Dear Peter,

AUSALPA SUBMISSION TO GLADSTONE AIRPORT:
AERODROME INFRASTRUCTURE AND RUNWAY CODE ISSUES

The Australian Airline Pilots' Association (AusALPA) is the Member Association for Australia and a key member of the International Federation of Airline Pilot Associations (IFALPA) which represents over 100,000 pilots in 100 countries. We represent more than 7,500 professional pilots within Australia on safety and technical matters. Our membership places a very strong expectation of rational, risk and evidence-based safety behaviour on aviation stakeholders.

AusALPA welcomes the opportunity to contribute feedback to Gladstone Airport Corporation (GAC) regarding proposals to change the aerodrome reference code to Code 3 (non-precision) and decommission the ILS.

AusALPA prefers ILS Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) and 3D approaches over non-precision approaches and we advocate that they should be provided wherever they can be installed and retained if pre-existing. Our members find that ILS IFPs are an extremely useful approach type with significant safety enhancements over other approaches.

AusALPA believes that 3D and precision approaches provide the greatest amount of stability during an approach, contribute to effective risk reduction and increase the probability of a safer outcome in adverse weather conditions.

We recommend that the Gladstone ILS be retained with appropriate regulatory relief.

Yours sincerely,

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