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To whom it may concern,

Re: Support for Sunshine Coast Airport PDA

The Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) writes to confirm support for the *Sunshine Coast Airport (SCA) Priority Development Area (PDA)*.

QTIC is the peak industry body and leading advocate for the tourism, hospitality, and events sectors in Queensland, committed to the growth and sustainability of the state visitor economy. As a not-for-profit, membership-based organisation, we take pride in ensuring that the concerns and needs of members and the broader tourism industry are strongly represented in all relevant government forums. Our efforts focus on powerful lobbying, policy development, and collaboration with key industry stakeholders to create a vibrant, diverse industry that benefits all.

The proposed SCA development scheme will accelerate economic benefit to the region, creating a modern, sustainable, and world-class airport Queensland can be proud of. The PDA will align SCA with other airports across Australia, diversifying land uses and safeguarding long term airport operations. In turn, a fully developed airport will provide planning certainty and instil regional investment confidence, contributing to substantial tourism growth.

As an economic enabler and key connector, SCA is committed to attracting business, driving tourism visitation, and creating employment opportunities. This dedication to long-term community outcomes is exemplified by SCA recognition as Australia's first carbon-neutral airport, in addition to implementation of a range of community support initiatives.

By 2040, SCA is projected to add \$460m to national GDP and support 3,438 jobs (direct and indirect). With the Sunshine Coast as a key delivery partner for the *2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games* and population growth expected to reach 565,700 by 2046, SCA development is essential to establishing strong foundations for the future.

QTIC wholeheartedly supports Sunshine Coast Airport in this endeavour, confident that the PDA will significantly contribute to stimulating regional growth, new opportunities for local business, and socioeconomic development. We look forward to witnessing the positive outcomes for the Sunshine Coast and the broader Queensland tourism industry. For any further questions or clarification, please contact QTIC on (07) 3236 1445 or email info@qtic.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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