



16 November 2012

Clr Mathew Dickerson
Mayor of the City of Dubbo
Dubbo City Council

Sent by e-mail: mayor@dubbo.nsw.gov.au

Dubbo City Regional Airport Working Party Meeting 22 October 2012

Dear Mayor Dickerson,

This letter is further to my letter of 24 October and your reply of 12 November. Your remark that the report in question "was based on information that was available to council at the time which council believed to be accurate" does not exonerate the Council from its responsibility for false and defamatory remarks nor from making the proper apology and retraction when the truth has been pointed out.

We have not been accorded the courtesy of an apology for the false statements so are we to take it that Council stands by the remarks that have been brought to councils attention?

As for your preparation of the terminal to receive larger aircraft, your Dubbo airport manager Lindsay Mason attended the Regional Industry Consultative Meeting (RICM) that was held by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport on 12 November and should be aware of the security regulation changes tabled at this meeting. He should be able to advise council on the acceptability of having screened and unscreened departures simultaneously as is currently being practised in several regional airports like Wagga Wagga and Albury.

It was also confirmed at RICM that the regulatory amendments will be formally signed off by ExCom (Commonwealth Executive Committee) on the 6th December, with the regulatory amendments expected to be in place by the end of the 2012 calendar year, well before the commencement of the QantasLink Q-400 services in March 2013.

As stated in my earlier letter, should council choose to adopt something other than what the regulators prescribe, Rex will rigorously oppose any attempt to arbitrarily distort the competitive equilibrium by imposing on Rex's customer's additional charges and inconveniences that are not mandated by law. Rex has sought legal advice and we will challenge such decisions which prejudice smaller regional carries via the ACCC on the grounds of unfair, anti competitive and unconscionable conduct by Dubbo Airport.

Yours Sincerely

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