

15.2 EQUIPMENT ACCESS AGREEMENT HOPETOUN AND WARRACKNABEAL AERODROMES

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SUMMARY

Council received a request from a private aviation enthusiast to supply and install ADS-B receiver at Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Aerodromes. Live flight data received is sent to a free online database that can be utilised to track active or historical flight data.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Endorse Council:

- a) That Council enter into an Equipment Access Agreement with M Toffolon for the supply and installation of an ADS-B receiver at Warracknabeal and Hopetoun aerodromes.
- b) Approve the affixing of the Common Seal to the Equipment Access Agreement between Yarriambiack Shire Council and M Toffolon in accordance with Council's Common Seal and Conduct at Meetings Local Law 2020

Resolution:

Moved Cr T Hamilton Seconded Cr C Heintze

That the recommendation be adopted

Carried

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments withheld;

The Equipment Access Agreements for Hopetoun and Warracknabeal Aerodromes between Yarriambiack Shire Council and M Toffolon is considered confidential information for the purpose of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020:

1. Because it is Council business information, being information that would prejudice Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)); and
2. Because it contains personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (section 3(1)(f));

DISCUSSION

Council received a request to install an ADS-B receiver on Council owned buildings at Warracknabeal and Hopetoun Aerodromes. These receivers provide real-time flight data for any aircraft flying in the receiver's zone of detection, which on flat and open plain can be a radius upwards of 3000kms. Live flight data is sent to a free online database that anyone can use to track active or historical flight data. Whilst these services can be used for commercial purposes, they have been critical in past search and rescue operations.

One of the largest online databases collecting this flight data is called 'FlightAware'. On this service, online users can see locations where other receivers have been set up. It was noted with interest by the requestor that Yarriambiack Shire Council along with

other surrounding Shires do not have any ground stations currently tracking flights in the area.

The owner / operator will supply the equipment and install one of the ADS-B receivers on the amenities building at the Warracknabeal Aerodrome and one on the office of the Hopetoun aerodrome. Both buildings are Council owned.

The antenna is approximately 66cm in length with a mounting pole size to be determined upon placement location. The internal unit is quite small and would be similar in size to a small tablet.

Council can also utilise the information captured to inform future grant applications.

RELEVANT LAW

- Civil Aviation Act 1988
- Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Council Plan 2021-25 – Strategic Objective 1: A Vibrant and Diversified Economy

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Nil

OPTIONS

- Councillors could choose not to approve the access agreement, noting Council does not have any way of capturing this data.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Financial: As the owner / operator will be supplying and installing the equipment there will be no cost to Council. The unit draws approx. 4w of power (less than an iPhone charger) so power costs on Council will be minimal.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Not required for this report

RISK

Utilising the Risk Management Framework the following assessment has been made:

<i>Strategic Risk Description and Residual Risk Level</i>	<i>Action to Mitigate/Reduce Risk</i>	<i>Does Action maintain or reduce Residual Risk Level</i>
Corporate Governance, Compliance and Liability Risk - Residual Risk Level Low	The agreement has been entered into utilising an agreement provided by our legal advisors to meet Council's governance and compliance obligations.	Maintains Residual Risk Level

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

All officers involved in the preparation of this report have declared that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

M Toffolon was an employee of one of Council's contractors, who provided Information, Communication and Technology Support to Council. M Toffolon is no longer employed by Council's Contractor.