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Expert Panel
Sunfield Fast-track Application
FTAA – 2503 -1039

Sunfield Fast-track Application: Response to Minute 5 of the Expert Panel

I, Philip Craig of Leading Edge Aviation Planning Professionals Pty Ltd confirm that I have read the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses contained in the Environment Court Practice Note 2023 and have complied with it in preparing the letter dated 4th February 2025 entitled '*Review of Proposed Sunfield Development Ardmere Airport Safeguarding*', for the purposes of the Sunfield Fast-track application.

I confirm that the issues addressed in that letter (and peer review) are within my area of expertise and that I have commented on them impartially. I declare that I have no relationship with Sunfield other than through the engagement of my employer and the preparation of the letter and the peer review, and that have no interest in the outcome of the proceeding.

As requested by the Expert Panel, details of my qualifications and relevant experience accompany this letter.'

Yours sincerely,

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Philip Craig is the Managing Director of Leading Edge Aviation Planning Professionals Pty Ltd and graduate of Loughborough University in Airport Planning & Management, with over 32 years' experience in aviation and airport planning. His early career started with planning projects on small and regional airports in Canada and quickly progressed to running airport airside, airspace and passenger terminal simulation for Hong Kong International Airport, Kuala Lumpur International Airport and Incheon International Airport. He has worked on airports as small as community and general aviation airports up to some of the largest airports in the world.

Relevant and Recent Experience:

ADB TA Cook Islands Enhancing Transport Connectivity and Resilience in the Pacific Rarotonga Airport Infrastructure Upgrade Project

Project Team Leader and Airport Planner for the study and plan upgrade projects for implementation at Rarotonga International Airport (RAR) that would improve air transport safety and infrastructure, and enhance economic development in the county through tourism and ease of access to the Cook Islands.

Australia Norfolk Island Airport Master Plan

LEAPP Project Manager responsible to prepare and update the Airport Master Plan. The Master Plan identifies areas of the airport site that are reserved to enable the Regional Council to be able to react to other opportunities that might develop in the future but are not presently apparent.

Australia Goondiwindi Airport Upgrade Feasibility Study

LEAPP has been engaged by a private company to assess whether upgrading the Goondiwindi Aerodrome to support FIFO transport is worth pursuing rather than relying on road transportation for their workers. LEAPP assessed the upgrades required and

determined the transport service and what aircraft would be used. As a result, LEAPP determined the best solutions and the costs associated with the recommended solutions

[Tanzania Mtwara Airport Master Plan and Pavement Rehabilitation](#)

Conducted analysis on the air traffic forecast and provide airport planning and technical advise to the local consultant for the Conceptual Design for the Rehabilitation and Upgrading of Mtwara Airport.

[Australia Sunshine Coast Airport Master Plan](#)

LEAPP Project Manager that provided specialist consulting service to Sunshine Coast Airport Company in compiling, reviewing, and finalising the Airport Master Plan 2019

[Australia Coffs Harbour Airport Runway 10/28 Safety Case](#)

AirDue to the development of an Airport Enterprise Park, changes to the airside operations a safety assessment of possible options available to the Airport Management and their operating risks and management procedures. Project involved assessing the safety implications of the proposed solution as well as identifying alternative operational solutions to enable operations while minimising risk. Project involved direct consultation with all airport tenants to fully understand their needs and operational requirements

[Australia Emerald Airport Master Plan](#)

Provide airport planning assistance to GHD as part of the Emerald Airport Master Plan for the Central Highlands Regional Council in Queensland

[Australia Sydney Building Proposed Development Aeronautical Assessment](#)

Examine the proposed development at 52 McLaren, Sydney – aeronautical assessment to support the building development application

[New Zealand Airport Purchase Assessment](#)

Assess the development potential and Airport Master Plan infrastructure to determine feasibility and cost of development. Assessment was provided as advice and input to Morgan Stanley acting on behalf of an unnamed, Australian Investment venture

[New Zealand Christchurch International Airport Bird Hazard Risk Assessment Review](#)

LEAPP Project Manager for the review of the Risk Assessment conducted for a proposed rowing course near the Christchurch International Airport. Undertook the assessment of the proposed mitigation measures and provided guidance on developing a risk strategy for assessing the proposed development.

[Ireland Sligo Airport Inspection and Safety Assessment](#)

Following an extensive inspection of the Sligo Airport, Ireland undertook a review of airport configuration, compliance with ICAO Annex 14 Standards and airport safety status. Defined the requirements necessary to upgrade the airport and bring it into compliance with required safety standards based on Code 2 design aircraft types. (Sligo Airport Company)