



The Hon Michael McCormack MP

**Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
Leader of The Nationals
Federal Member for Riverina**

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Ms Heidi Marshall
Acting General Manager
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Dear Ms Marshall

I am writing to confirm the Australian Government's commitment to provide up to \$3.6 million for the Flinders Island Airport Runway Upgrade project (the Project).

The commitment will be delivered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development through the Community Development Grants Programme (CDG).

The \$3.6 million funding commitment for the Project includes the transfer of \$1.8 million from the Flinders Island Marine Access and Safe Harbour project, resulting in a revised CDG funding commitment for the Marine Access project of \$3 million.

The Australian Government is committed to supporting local communities to prosper and grow. Local infrastructure projects are critical if we want to boost economic growth and improve local amenities and facilities.

Prior to entering into arrangements for CDG funding, Flinders Council (Council) will be required to finalise the funding contract for the Project under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade (RAU) Program, including the reimbursement of funding already paid to the Council through the RAU program.

Council will be required to provide sufficient information to the Department to undertake an assessment of the project against the CDG guidelines before final funding approval and negotiation of a Deed of Agreement. Whilst this letter confirms the commitment to your project, funding of \$3.6 million is contingent upon the finalisation of RAU program funding contract and the execution of a Deed of Agreement for CDG funding. A Departmental Officer will contact you shortly to discuss the next steps.

CDG funding is eligible for all expenditure incurred for the project between the start and end date of the project, however, I recommend that you do not enter into financial commitments or begin

work on the project until such time a Deed of Agreement has been signed with the Australian Government. Please note that the contents of this letter should be kept confidential until a Deed of Agreement is signed with the Australian Government.

I wish you every success and look forward to seeing the project completed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. McCormack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Michael McCormack