



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO 7 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

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INQUIRY INTO THE WARNERVALE AIRPORT (RESTRICTIONS) REPEAL BILL 2020

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Portfolio Committee No. 7 - Planning and Environment has established an inquiry into the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Repeal Bill 2020, a bill that was recently agreed to in the Legislative Assembly and is awaiting consideration in the Legislative Council.

If passed by Parliament, the bill would have the immediate effect of removing the daily take off and landing cap for aircraft movements at Warnervale Airport while repealing the *Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996* in its entirety at a future point in time to be determined by proclamation.

The Chair of the committee, Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC said: "The Government has made its case for repealing the Act in the Assembly, arguing that it is no longer relevant or necessary in allaying community concerns about the airport's operations and noting the economic impact of the take off and landing cap triggered in 2015. This inquiry is an opportunity to test the Government's case and subject the bill's provisions to an appropriate level of scrutiny through our committee process."

The Chair stated: "This inquiry will also be an opportunity to consider potential issues with the bill, such as community concerns surrounding the airport's operations, including potential noise impacts and the liveability of the local area as well as broader environmental considerations."

The committee will hold a public hearing on 30 October 2020. Interested parties, including the local community, are invited to have their say by completing an [online questionnaire](#), open until 23 October.

For information about the inquiry, including committee membership and the terms of reference, please visit the [committee's website](#).

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