

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT  
INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL AVIATION SERVICES  
HEARING – DUBBO, 24 JULY 2014**

**Supplementary questions: Coonamble Shire Council**

*Answers are to be returned to the Committee secretariat by 22 August 2014.*

1. Prior to the cessation of Coonamble's air service, did Council impose a passenger landing fee and if a fee was charged how much was it?
2. If a hub and spoke model was introduced again between Coonamble, Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Dubbo do you think each of the four councils would charge the RPT provider passenger landing fees?

**Coonamble Shire Council response:**

1. Council did not charge a landing fee prior to the cessation of Coonamble's air service.
2. We can only respond on behalf of our own Council, although we are aware that Dubbo City Council does currently charge passenger landing fees. Coonamble Shire Council would probably waive landing fees, at least for an initial period of 6-12 months, if this was considered conducive to establishing a regular passenger air service. Please note that Lightning Ridge is in the Walgett Shire, so only three councils would be involved in the model mentioned.

Coonamble Shire Council is not prescribing a particular model. We would be open to a service involving say, Coonabarabran and Mudgee. Affordability and convenience are the key criteria for a well-patronised service.