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**From:** Greg Lawrence  
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Hi Madeleine,

Thanks for sending this again....here are my responses to the two Q's I took on notice and my completed survey for your files.

Questions on Notice with Answers in Red:

**The Hon. MICK VEITCH:** We have had testimony from Rex, who were extremely critical of another airport development and they spoke about their relationship with Parkes as a positive model to follow. In the development of your airport, did you involve the airlines? Was Rex involved in discussions around the apron work?  
**Mr LAWRENCE:** I would have to take that on notice, I am not totally familiar with that part of it but I can certainly find out and let you know, most definitely.

**Griffith City Council is always prepared to discuss facilities with airport users and in fact when we submitted our application for RDAF funding to upgrade our facility, Rex Airlines was very helpful and gave us a letter of support . We ( Griffith City Council) has also been very successful in attracting another airline operator for our Griffith Melbourne link".**

**The Hon. MICK VEITCH:** Good. Who funded the work? Was it the Regional Development Australia Fund [RDAF]?  
**Ms HOUSTON:** Yes, the Regional Development Australia Fund, so it was funded in round 2.  
**Mr LAWRENCE:** And Griffith City Council contributed half a million dollars to that project as well.  
**The Hon. MICK VEITCH:** So the development works at the airport, was there a view to conducting those works so that, at some stage in the future, you would be able to land larger aircraft at your airport? Was that the broader plan or was it more about just enhancing the existing services?  
**Mr LAWRENCE:** It was a combination. We are looking to the future growth of our region and also to beautifying the existing asset that we have there, which it has done immensely.  
**The Hon. MICK VEITCH:** But there was a view to larger aircraft at some stage into the future?  
**Mr LAWRENCE:** At some stage, yes.  
**The Hon. MICK VEITCH:** So is there a development plan or a master plan for the airport?  
**Mr LAWRENCE:** Again, I would have to take that on notice.

**In answer to your question YES Griffith City Council has a Master Plan for the Airport which was formally adopted at a full Council meeting.**

Cheers,

*(See attached file: 20140709160143211.pdf)*

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▼ State Development ---08/07/2014 04:21:27 PM---Dear Mr Lawrence RE: Post-hearing responses required by Friday 11 July 2014

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