

11 December 2013

Mr Samuel Griffith  
Principal Council Officer  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Griffith,

### **Inquiry into removing or reducing station access fees at Sydney Airport**

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 on Monday 2 December 2013.

In response to the query from the Chair re *"the Melbourne hotel on the airport site (Parkroyal Melbourne Airport) and whether they have similar problems about parking and staff getting to and from late hour shift work"*, I have had a discussion with the former General Manager of the hotel.

He advised that "in Melbourne there is an arrangement with Skybus that is available to staff. Staff pay \$100 per month to travel to the city – this certainly helps and is well utilised. Parking in the long term car parks are heavily discounted for staff with free shuttle services to and from the airport. I can concur with the frustration that does occur when you try and get people at short notice or for short shifts as you still have the cost and time associated with parking etc".

\$100 per month is certainly more cost effective than the current \$31.80 return trip for staff on the Airport Link in Sydney. With casual staff often earning about \$23.77 per hour after 7pm, this amounts to 1.25 hours of unpaid work.

We welcome the opportunity to present to the inquiry and look forward to further advice on the outcomes.

Yours faithfully,

Carol Giuseppi  
NSW Director  
Tourism Accommodation Australia

Cc: Tish Nyar, GM, Rydges Sydney Airport