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MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS**

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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 August 2019 concerning a resolution arising from the National General Assembly of Local Government, new security requirements for regional airports. I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention.

It is an Australian Government priority to provide the Australian public with secure air travel. As part of the 2018-19 Budget, the Government announced requirements for upgrades to security screening technology at major and regional airports.

The Government recognises the fiscal challenges faced by many regional airports and has allocated \$50.1 million to the Regional Airport Security Screening Fund (RASSF) to assist eligible regional airports to purchase or upgrade security screening equipment. Capital works funding of up to \$1 million is also available through the RASSF for those airports required to introduce x-ray technology for the first time.

I trust this information will be of assistance to the Australian Local Government Association and its members.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Dutton', with the date '16/09/19' written below it.

PETER DUTTON