

MEDIA RELEASE

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Mid North Regional Development Board support establishing local aerodrome

The chair of the Mid North Regional Development Board Jeff Burgess states “the Mid North Regional Development Board has in the past and continues to fully supports the efforts of the Farrell Flat Management Airport sub-committee in their commitment to establishing an airport in the region”.

The Board has assisted the sub-committee by commissioning the Farrell Flat Aerodrome Investigation Report, presented in March 2003, by Airport Technical Services Pty Ltd, at a cost of \$12,500.00, to this Board and both the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council and Regional Council of Goyder. A copy of this Report is available on the Board’s website www.mnrdb.com.au . In addition the Board has facilitated meetings and input to the proposed aerodrome by Transport SA, SA Water, the Consultants from Airport Technical Services Pty Ltd and Councillors from both Council areas.

The recent representation to the Board on the status of the project and its future was considered favourably by board members and a decision was made to commit further scarce resources to evolve this project. All projects are carefully assessed against the Board’s strategic and action plan and are considered on their merit and benefit to the region .

As the Board no longer has direct access to grant funding to assist in these cases, information has been provided on what funding could be available to further the project. Advice has also been provided on ways to look at funding the project through all of its phases, both in the public and private areas. The sub-committee needs to ensure that support for the project is not only verbal but needs to be enhanced with a commitment of financial support, from all levels, for it to be progressed.

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