

District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

MEDIA RELEASE

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Flight training at the Port Lincoln Airport

Following the announcement last week that Flight Training Adelaide will not be pursuing its development application at the Port Lincoln Airport, FTA will cease its flight training activity at the airport by the end of October 2019.

Flight Training Adelaide will now concentrate effort into preparing for their Qantas pilot training academy at Wellcamp in Queensland, and Council wish them every success in that endeavour. In the short term FTA will maintain operations at the current scale from Port Lincoln while they continue to occupy accommodation and training facilities in Port Lincoln.

Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley said that Council and FTA have listened to the concerns of local residents and while the proposal has proved to be controversial, Council now looks forward to a positive working relationship with the communities who have been impacted by the flight training activities, and to pursuing strategies for growth and sustainability of the Port Lincoln Airport.

Council has spent a great deal of time on this matter and consequently will not be providing any further comment on the activities of Flight Training Adelaide for the duration of its operations from the Port Lincoln Airport.