

5 April 2013

Hon. Dr Kim Hames MLA
Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism
13th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
West Perth WA 6005

Dear Minister,

RE: Imminent loss of Perth city helipad facility

As you are aware, Tourism Council WA (TCWA) is the peak body representing tourism businesses, industries and regions in Western Australia. The Council promotes the value of tourism, facilitates sustainable tourism development and advocates industry policy on behalf of its members.

It has been brought to TCWA's attention that as of 31 March, Perth city is without a city helipad facility and operators have been unsuccessful in obtaining the required approvals from the applicable government agencies to establish an alternative site.

TCWA believes that a city helipad is crucial infrastructure for tourism and helicopter tour operations. In the interests of ensuring that visitors to Perth can continue to enjoy this popular, quality tourism product, TCWA is seeking support for the following:

- Establishment of an immediate temporary helipad in a Perth city location for use by multiple operations.
- Identification of a permanent long term helipad site to serve Perth city.

Unfortunately there is no single authority responsible for ensuring helipad infrastructure is available in the city and none of the various land managers have agreed to provide this facility to date.

It is critical for a whole of Government approach for the development of this facility and as this issue extends beyond your portfolio, TCWA would appreciate your representation within the WA Government.

I look forward to discussing this with you further.

Yours sincerely,

Evan Hall
Chief Executive Officer

Cc. Hon. Colin Barnett MLA, Premier, Minister for State Development; Science
Hon. John Day MLA, Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts