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Dear Ken,

**Re: Runway 16L High Intensity Approach Lighting System (HIALS)**

AusALPA thanks Sydney Airport for the opportunity to provide feedback and comment with regards to the proposed maintenance on Runway 16L High Intensity Approach Lighting System (HIALS). Our understanding is the existing fibreglass support posts will be replaced, but the Runway 16L HIAL operation and light positions will remain the same.

It is our recommendation and preference that the planned maintenance of the HIALS be undertaken in incremental steps during curfew hours in order to sustain operation of the HIAL system during normal operational periods. This methodology would provide operators and pilots alike the operational benefit of an approach lighting systems during normal aerodrome operating hours, with minimal impact to all parties concerned. Our primary concern is the operational reliance on the Runway 16L HIALS during the season of lower visibility and fog.

AusALPA, therefore, advocates the planned methodology of replacing the individual posts over a series of nights, with an appropriate NOTAM promulgated to flight crews outlining the work in progress. Furthermore, AusALPA is of the understanding that operational serviceability can be maintained through ground alignment and that a regulatory flight

check will only be required once the entire maintenance project has been completed.

As always, we welcome open dialogue with Sydney Airport with regards to this project and welcome any further comment or information with regards to this project. If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact our office at [safety.technical@aipa.org.au](mailto:safety.technical@aipa.org.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Booth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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