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Dear Registrar Sanderson

Kate,

Thank you for your letter of 31 July 2024 regarding coronial investigation into the Mangalore aircraft accident, and seeking my response to Recommendation 6 of the Coroner's report which was directed to me (Lead Case COR 2020 000950).

The recommendation reads:

I recommend that the Minister for the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure give consideration to expanding the [Automated Dependent Surveillance Broadcast, or ADS-B] rebate program to extend to Australian registered IFR aircraft.

In the 2024-25 Budget, the Australian Government agreed to extend the ADS-B Rebate Program by a further three years, to close on 30 June 2027, and to allocate \$8.4 million to fund rebates over that term.

The Government further agreed to broaden the scope of eligibility under the Program to encompass Australian-registered aircraft flying under Instrument Flight Rules, and to allow rebates not only for ADS-B OUT (broadcasting) equipment but also for ADS-B IN (receiving) functionality.

I am confident this significant extension to the Program, and expansion in rebate eligibility, will prove a strong incentive for aircraft owners who have not already done so to purchase and use this lifesaving ADS-B technology, and contribute positively to aviation safety in Australia.

Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

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