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Dear Editor,

Your article *'Jobs risk for flight schools'* (Thursday, 26 March 2015) failed to include a right of reply from Airservices in response to claimed potential impacts to flight training at Adelaide Airport.

As we advised the Advertiser, there will be no reduced access to Adelaide approach airspace and no restrictions on the use of Adelaide, Parafield and Edinburgh airports for instrument approach training as a result of the proposed changes to the location from which some air traffic services are provided.

Adelaide tower operations will remain unchanged and the service delivered to all flights in Adelaide will not be affected by relocation of the approach control service.

The planned change affects only the location from which approach and departure services are provided – a service that is delivered by controllers looking at radar screens and not from the tower.

Four Adelaide terminal control positions will be co-located to our Melbourne Air Traffic Services Centre (ATSC), which is responsible for six per cent of the world's airspace and has been safely and seamlessly delivering approach and departure services for Canberra and Melbourne for the past 20 years. These types of services are also delivered safely from the Melbourne ATSC for Hobart, Launceston and Avalon airports.

The decision to extend this established model to Adelaide follows extensive consultation with our Adelaide staff, unions, customers, stakeholders and members of parliament over the past 12 months. All members of staff who wish to remain with Airservices have been assured they can do so.

The changes will also be subject to a full safety case that will be provided to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

Safety is always our number one priority, coupled with the efficient delivery of services for our aviation customers, and we are committed to working collaboratively with our staff and industry on these proposed changes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Hood".

Greg Hood
Executive General Manager, Air Traffic Control
27 March 2015