

20th Sept 2023

**The Department of Home Affairs
The National Emergency Management Agency**

HELPING TO ENHANCE AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL LEVEL EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

Dear Sir/Madam,

As Queensland's leading provider of aeromedical care, LifeFlight Australia (LifeFlight) wholeheartedly supports the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) and the National Emergency Management Agency's (NEMA's) initiative to explore alternate Commonwealth crisis response capability options.

Every day, LifeFlight Rescue crews treat seriously ill and critically injured patients, whilst providing rapid-response airlifts to hospitals around the state. As our fleet are typically in multi-role configurations, we are also often the first responders to a variety of non-medical scenarios, including the delivery of essential supplies; evacuation support for impacted communities; insertion of essential personnel; aerial surveillance; and search and rescue operations.

LifeFlight has relevant experience across several capability engagement models, including standing arrangements, ad-hoc panels, permanent and flexible contracting models and short-notice tasking for a variety of Commonwealth and State-level departments. We have a very good understanding of the trade-offs for all parties within these different engagement models and would be happy to respond to a formal RFI with these insights should one be released to market.

Ahead of that, we have attached some information on our organisation's capabilities. Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any further questions.

Kind regards,
LifeFlight Australia Ltd

Ashley van de Velde
Chief Executive Officer

