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Stephen Byron  
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Re: Canberra Airport Master Plan

Dear Stephen,

I take this opportunity to provide some feedback on the recently released *Canberra Airport Master Plan* with a view to expressing my absolute support for what the Airport Group has both achieved and more importantly, aims to achieve in the coming years.

Having seen the Capital evolve over the past 30 years, it is undoubtable that the evolution of the Airport site has somewhat had a more than considerable impact on the Canberra region over the past 12 or so years.

In this short time, Canberra has seen many changes brought to its door step; some beneficial and others more challenging.

If we consider the timeline over this period it is relatively clear that there have been some substantial events both locally and globally which have challenged industries to survive. In Canberra alone we have witnessed the devastation of bushfires; the consequences of the 9/11 attacks; unrelenting drought; the threat of pandemics and in more recent times the turbulence of the financial and economic markets.

Considering all of these things (and more) it is commendable that a group of people and indeed a community has had faith in supporting the Canberra Airport since the first sod was turned. If we were to view what has been done in a snapshot, it would be fair to say that the Airport's timeline is merely beginning. There is little doubt that development on the site thus far has contributed to Canberra on a scale which I believe has not yet been rivalled. Having been involved in the development of site since the very first building was constructed, there would be little argument to suggest that the Airport has done nothing less than add economic strength to the region over the past decade.

Like all plans, foresight, practicality and provision are major drivers of favourable outcomes. For the continued growth of Canberra it is imperative that the Airport Group continues to break boundaries and strive to offer the region a world class facility. Having had a look at the Master Plan, I believe the Airport Group is taking the correct and necessary steps required to provide Canberra and its residents with a facility that has industry and individuals in mind. Notwithstanding the complexities involved in planning such an objective, the Canberra Airport to date, has delivered.



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Canberra's geographical location and its multitude of industries lends itself to be an attractive option for a range of transport mediums and in particular a freight hub. With populations increasing and economic circumstances worsening, the idea of a freight terminal poses an exciting proposition for not only Canberra but indeed the surrounding regions. There is little doubt that road and rail transport is struggling to cope with continued demand and the addition of another option such as the Canberra International Airport makes sense.

Adding to the versatility and obviously the major reason for the Airport expansion is to accommodate for international passenger flights. It is again another option that is needed if Canberra is going to be seriously viewed as an alternative for business expansion and exposure. The opportunity for new industry, employment and indeed economic growth certainly lies with the success of this Plan. With our neighbouring capital cities, the notion of relieving Sydney of its current load potentially providing additional capacity again makes sense.

Herein lies what I believe the key factors that have bought the Airport and indeed its plans to where it is today. Displaying foresight and provision, the Master Plan is presenting a multitude of possibilities with the open-mindedness being displayed at all turns.

If we look at the overall practicality of the Master Plan, in my view it is apparent that it exists. However, and sometimes unfortunately, we are at the mercy of those who cannot see the long term benefits of a project such as the Airport has to offer. The idea, which I have observed closely, of residential development directly under flight paths is nothing short of nonsensical and unnecessary. With the vast options for residential development sites Canberra has to offer, there is no reason why the Master Plan should be hindered or threatened for such reasons. This topic alone could be the catalyst for some healthy debate, but on this occasion I will resign to the belief that the Master Plan, supported by the content of the 2008 Aviation Green Paper, has adequately addressed the necessary issues relating to the proposed development. I certainly see no great threat in this regard and hope that commonsense prevails.

Considering the track record to date, you would have to agree that a Master Plan would not be such without its hurdles. In my view, one of the great outcomes of this project, should it continue on its current path, is that it will hopefully reduce the conservatism and ignorance which is often displayed when plans such as this are set in motion.



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Having both witnessed and been involved in the development of the Capital Airport at various levels, I am confident that the sustainability and longevity will be maintained in decades to come.

I wish you and your team well on this continued endeavour and please rest assured that you have my support.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Golack", written in a cursive style.

David Golack  
General Manager.

## Kathy Aves

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**From:** Stephen Byron  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 May 2009 9:59 AM  
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### Stephen Byron

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Stephen,

Please find attached my response the Airport Master Plan.

In the event you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Regards,**

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