

Canberra Airport
2 Brindabella Circuit
Brindabella Business Park
CANBERRA AIRPORT ACT 2609

Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to your invitation for public comment on I wish to make the following objections to your 2009 Preliminary Draft Master Plan.

Inadequate Information on Aircraft Noise

Your proposal to operate a 24 hour freight hub at Canberra Airport signals a significant change to the current usage of the airport. There has been too little information provided in regard to the social and environmental impact of such a freight hub on our homes, and particularly our sleeping hours. Your draft Master Plan fails to discharge this onus of proof as your information is neither accessible, nor accurate. You state that 'no residents within the ACT...will be exposed at any time to noise over 65 decibels...' (page 80), but existing 737 aircraft regularly generate 65 decibels over and in Hackett according to the new Hackett Noise Monitor (see WebTrak at www.cbr.webtrak-lochard.com). Independent noise information is crucial to any meaningful community consultation on the proposed 24-hour freight hub, and I therefore request the right to further comment after the noise expert appointed by the ACT Government reports later this year.

Unacceptable Disturbance of Sleep

The standards from the World Health Organisation in regard to noise levels at which sleep disturbance occurs, and the consequent adverse impacts on health should be acknowledged and adhered to. Your claims that existing aircraft noise protection measures will adequately protect residents from future aircraft noise are not supported by any evidence, and I have no confidence in them. As a matter of equity we expect neither more nor less than Sydney residents who have their sleep protected from aircraft noise by a curfew from 11pm to 6am.

What I expect as a long term Hackett resident:

- A night time curfew on aircraft movements from 11pm to 6 am
- No 24 hour freight hub or second Sydney airport
- Recognition of health standards regarding sleep disturbance.

Yours sincerely,

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