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Stephan Byron  
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Dear Stephan,

Thanks for sending me a copy of the Draft Master Plan, interesting read and will continue to be for some time. You asked if I would put pen to paper and give you my opinion on it, I am more than happy to.

Although I have not read the plan in detail, I am aware of the general direction of where you see the Airports future in relation to Canberra and surrounds.

I grew up in Canberra and have been in business here since 1977 in that time I have seen the imbalance between Canberra's private and public sector industries and the effect that it can have on private sector when governments make particular decisions, Frasers razor gang in the 1970's is a very good example, it almost destroyed Canberra.

We now have a thriving IT support industry here as well as constant push on tourism, which all helps bridge the gap. However, they as well as most other industries here are still heavily reliant on the Federal Government.

The way I see it is the increase in freight operations in and out of Canberra Airport is by far the best proposal that Canberra has seen in a very long time.

Not only will it go a long way to solving some of the problems that larger airports with curfews around Eastern Australia, it would undoubtedly create good solid, secure employment for Canberra and surrounding regions. This along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Airport/ VFT option for Sydney and the increase of international flights will in all make a huge impact on the security of Canberra's economy and growth. Between Canberra, being the nation's capital and its geographical location nothing in your plan could be considered as over the top or not need.

The residential development proposed by The Village Building Company which will fall under the flight path of Canberra Airport will obviously severely restrict the future plans that Canberra Airport has, that is common knowledge.

Stephan, I am a long time Canberra resident and love my town so, I see these things from that perspective. The Canberra Airport development/ growth will as well as benefit you guys, give good economic security and long-term jobs to locals. The Tralee development on the other hand in my opinion is a one only pocket lining exercise by one greedy man. It can only have a negative effect on the future resident's amenity and once it done it's there to stay. Canberra will grow and the Airport will grow with, that will never change, to build houses in that location when there is an opportunity not to is sheer madness. Any government that allows this to proceed is absolutely out of its mind. There is still plenty of suitable land to build houses on that are not under flight paths. I suggest that Mr. Winnel don his gumboots and farm sheep on the land that is what it's there for.

Yours sincerely

Greg Spencer  
Director