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ACT 2609

Statement in Support of the Preliminary Draft Master Plan

Dear Mr Byron

I support the broad terms of the Preliminary Draft Master Plan as both a Canberra Resident of more than forty years, and as an artist concerned with the visual long-term planning of Canberra, including the airport.

Firstly, as a citizen, I endorse the comments made by the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Services and Local Government in 2008 (quoted in Master Plan p. 169),

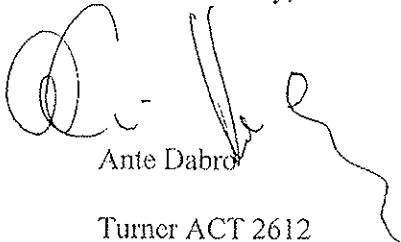
I have a very firm view, very firm view, that decision makers should not facilitate the building of houses directly under flight paths where there will be, where there will be a real impact in terms of, in terms of future growth.

It seems axiomatic not to allow new houses, let alone suburbs, to develop under flight paths which are certain to expand both by day and by night, especially if Canberra is allowed to develop as an international city with an international airport.

Living in Turner as I do, I do not anticipate direct flights over my home were the flight paths to be changed. I speak, therefore, not as someone likely to be personally affected, but as a citizen who wishes to see preserved the comparatively noise-free environment which Canberra enjoys.

I strongly oppose Option 2 (to allow suburban development under the existing airport flight paths) both because there are alternatives to urban infill elsewhere in the Queanbeyan region, and because it is only too apparent that community tensions must arise if this development were allowed.

Yours sincerely,

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Ante Dabro

Turner ACT 2612  
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