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The Manager
Canberra Airport
Brandabula Business Park
Canberra Airport ACT 2609



4 MAY 2009

Dear Sir

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

Inadequate information on aircraft noise

Your proposal to create a 24-hour freight hub at Canberra Airport is a significant change to current usage of airport, involving bigger, noisier and more frequent planes. The community has a right to know how a freight hub would impact on our homes, particularly our sleeping hours. I do not consider your Draft Master Plan discharges the onus of proof, because your information is neither accurate, nor accurate. You state that no residents within the ACT will be exposed at any time to noise over 65 decibels (page 50), but the existing 137 aircraft regularly generate 65 decibels and over in Hackett according to the new Hackett Noise Monitor. Independent noise information is crucial to meaningful community consultation on the proposed 24-hour freight hub, and I therefore request the right to further comment after the noise report appointed by the ACT Government reports later this year.

Unacceptable Disturbance of Sleep

There are clear standards from the World Health Organisation about the noise levels at which sleep disturbance occurs, and the consequent adverse impacts on health. These must be recognised. Your claims that existing aircraft prohibition measures will adequately protect residents from aviation aircraft noise are not supported by any evidence, and I have no confidence in them. You are unreasonably on our trespasser's peace & quiet which once lost is gone forever. Many residents have their sleep protected from aircraft noise by a curfew from 11PM to 6AM, and as a matter of equity we expect the same.

My requests

A nighttime curfew on aircraft movements from 11PM to 6AM

No 24 hour hub or second flying airport.

Recognition of health standards regarding sleep disturbance

Yours faithfully

Mrs L. Dale

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