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Stephen

Thank you for the opportunity to share my view of the "Master plan". It's great to see pre-planning of any kind, particularly given we are the nations capital and have, I believe a responsibility to show initiative. It is of course a bold step considering that any pre-plan invites critics. This alone normally sends shivers through conservative spines.

The Canberra airport group have to date played their cards up front, so non of us will ever die wondering what you were up to.

I like the proactive and futuristic plans for VFT's etc. Canberra need's to look forward and these strategies, however problematic can only help to attract skilled people to the area, allow for more sustainable transport and accommodate a growing population.

The second airport strategy complements our population in terms of reduced transport cost to rural centres. A huge portion of our goods emanate out of Sydney, the Canberra /Sydney highway is a non-stop trucks rout. If we can reduce the transport cost by 10% through the new airport a lot of struggling rural areas may just make it. This all put's Canberra, it's communities and families in a strong position.

There will be issues as this is a bold proposal. There is now and always has been a fine line between how we live today and how the world will force us to live in the future. People have a right to massage the future but this can only be done if everyone's needs are put into the equation. What will this plan do to support our outer rural areas, where will our children work, how can we reduce our impact on the environment. Bugged if I have a better plan.

Regards

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