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To: Stephen Byron
Subject: Airport Master Plan

Dear Stephen

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on the Airports Master Plan from which I would like to offer three points of view:

My first point of view is from some one who has been involved from the first day of construction of the Business Park as a contractor. My company has enjoyed on going employment which has enabled us to expand our business, train apprentices and also introduce qualified tradesman to some of the latests inovations in building, construction, energy management and the use of eco friendly materials. We have seen the once sheep paddock turn into a businees park second to none. Hand in hand with the businees park the development of the airport has again enabled our company and personal the opportunity to be introduced to a very specialized area, runway lighting which in the past this would have been unthinkable.

My second point of view is as a resident of the Canberra region. Canberra Airport and it's development are a must for this area as it grows. For us to travel regionally, nationally and internationally from our own airport will be one of our greatest transport asset. For too long Canberra has been a transport backwater and this airport is now and for the future one of our most important links. For Canberra to become a second airport for Sydney and be linked by a very fast train also to Melbourne would have to b e one of the greatest projects under taken in this country akin to the Snowy Hydro and the benefits would be as great.

My third point of view is as a General Aviation operator. Canberra Airport provides me with a very good facility to operate my aircraft from and I hope continues to do so into the future.

I would like to add myself and my company have been very fortunate to be involved with Canberra Airport it is major employer, a major investor in the region providing on going employment for many people and with its continued development has been and will continue to be a great asset for our community.

Regards
Paul Duncan

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