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Stephen,

A short note on my feelings for this plan.

As we are bombarded with talk of "Nation Building", preservation of jobs, job creation, etc., it staggers me that some sections of the community are so obstructionist to these proposals. It would also appear to me that some of these sections/individuals are clearly opposed to the Master Plan for self interest.

There has been discussions of a second Sydney Airport for as long as I can remember and the only sensible obvious solution, to me, would be for Sydney's overload to be taken by Canberra with Fast Train connection. I believe THAT would fall into the category of "Nation Building" and job creation.

As an alternative to this, Canberra could take over Sydney's freight activities only, thus freeing up Sydney's freight activities for passengers. It makes perfect sense for Canberra to be the "Freight Hub" purely for geographic reasons.

I have followed, with interest, and amazement, the developing arguments for the Tralee Housing Proposal. I cannot imagine why anyone in their right mind would consider this proposal, in existing flight paths, to be rational or viable. It reminds me of housing developments around Sydney's Lucas Height Reactor. I do not believe it logical to build around an existing situation and then call for that situation to be mitigated. That would surely happen with Tralee.

In summary, I wholeheartedly endorse the Canberra Airport Master Plan. I believe it to be visionary for our area for the future.

Regards

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