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Dear Sir

Nearly everyone I talk to who has given the matter some thought is for the airport and what you are doing there. Whether they are private sector people or not, most recognise that the huge changes being wrought are way overdue, would never have happened if the airport had remained in public hands, and point to a confident and viable future for our city.

Visitors I've had are impressed with the architecture of the business parks, especially when they learn a bit about the thought that has gone into the environmental aspects (energy/water saving) and the people-friendly layout of the streets and landscaping.

Some specific points:

1. **Aircraft noise**
Obviously as the city grows and the airport gets busier there will be more flights in and out. This will happen whether the place realises its full potential as a freight hub or not. International flights are something Canberra people will expect in the future, and it seems to me that you are being frustrated in your attempts to plan for this in the city's interest.

It amazes me that the NSW government can't see the folly of allowing residential development under future flight paths. There is plenty of land around here for housing; why compromise Canberra's growth and the amenity of people who will buy in these proposed estates? I'd sure like to see the approving authority's reasoning.

If the Tralee development goes ahead, and people start to complain about aircraft noise, the ACT government will probably not be able to prevent noise-sharing aircraft corridors overflying quiet suburbs in Canberra. This is not NIMBY thinking, this is looking at the future and trying to avoid foreseeable bad consequences. I'll bet Tralee residents expecting to make a decent return on their house in the distant future will not thank the current crop of politicians who proved unable to see the bigger picture.

2. **Very fast train**

Aside from the enjoyable travel experience and the fast transit time, the straightening of the track will revolutionize freight between Canberra and Sydney. The development of the airport as a freight hub and the VFT is a natural fit, as is the idea of international visitors arriving here, staying a day or two to see the capital before speeding off to Sydney while getting a good look at the Australian countryside. What better intro to our country?

3. **Freight**

We need to attract more private sector industry to Canberra. The plan to increase freight distribution facilities at the airport has the potential to encourage relocation of (light) industry from congested areas of our major cities, or maybe even from some moribund country town. A business owner who could see a more efficient freight system for supply and distribution, who already knows about Canberra's living quality, would be sure to give thought to a move.

I wish you every success in the preparation and reception of your master plan, and congratulate you on your open approach and vision.

Yours faithfully



Mike Alan
Director