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Dear Sir

**Canberra Airport – Proposed 24-hour Freight Hub**

I was very disappointed to learn for the first time from the *The Queanbeyan Chronicle* of 24 March 2009 that Canberra airport proposes to have 24-hour freight flights.

From my address you can see that I live directly under the flight path. I get woken each morning by flights that start after 6.00am. I strongly object to any flights between 11.00pm and 6.00am that will disturb my sleep.

Is this just a means for your organization to profit from the Sydney airport flight curfew? Night flights will come to Canberra instead and freight will then be road freighted to the Sydney conurbation.

Your organization has totally failed to consult with the public. I have a house in East Melbourne adjacent to the MCG. As an example to you of good consultative practice, the Melbourne City Council writes to me seeking feedback about planning proposals in adjacent properties and the general area that contains many public amenities. Over the years I believe that I have made constructive comments. As a result I have been involved in the enhancement of amenities and the built environment that has taken place.

Please reply to this letter.

Please answer my question. Is your plan just a means for your organization to profit from the Sydney airport flight curfew?

Please provide me with the 2009 Master Plan referred to in the *The Queanbeyan Chronicle* of 24 March 2009. Note that I will not have time to respond to this in the period between when you get this letter, reply to me and your arbitrary deadline of 8 May 2009.

Please inform me of the addresses of the various government bodies that regulate your facility and their responsibilities. I will then write to those that may be responsible for the current flight curfew, expressing my strong objection to any flights between 11.00pm and 6.00am that will disturb my sleep.

Please also inform me who owns Canberra Airport.

Note that I will forward this letter to Dr Mike Kelly, the Commonwealth member for Eden-Monaro.

Yours sincerely

James Groombridge