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**Phone:**

**Date:** 06-05-2009

**Re:** Invite for Public Comment on 2009

**Preliminary Draft Master Plan**

**CC:**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to your invitation for public comment on your 2009 Preliminary Draft Master Plan we wish to make the following objections.

## Inadequate Information on Aircraft Noise

You propose to operate a 24 hour freight hub at Canberra Airport. This is a significant change to the current usage of the airport, involving bigger, noisier and more frequent planes. The community has the right to know how a freight hub would impact on our homes, and particularly our sleeping hours. We do not consider that your draft Master Plan discharges this onus of proof, because your information is not readily accessible, adequate, nor accurate. You state that 'no residents within the ACT... will be exposed at any time to noise over 65 decibels...' (page 80), but existing 737 aircraft regularly generate 65 decibels and over in Hackett according to the new Hackett Noise Monitor (see WebTrak at [www.cbr.webtrak-lochard.com](http://www.cbr.webtrak-lochard.com)). Independent noise information, day and night, is crucial to any meaningful community consultation on the proposed 24-hour freight hub, and we therefore request the right to further comment after the noise expert appointed by the ACT Government reports later this year.

## Unacceptable Disturbance of Sleep

May 6, 2009

There are clear standards from the World Health Organization about the noise levels at which sleep disturbance occurs, and the consequent adverse impacts on health. These must be recognized. Your claims that existing aircraft noise protection measures will adequately protect residents from future aircraft noise are not supported by any evidence, and we have no confidence in them. You are encroaching on our treasured peace and quiet, which once lost will be gone forever. Further, recent research suggests the aircraft noise levels as low as 65 decibels during sleeping elevates blood pressure even whilst asleep. Sydney residents have their sleep protected from aircraft noise by a curfew from 11pm to 6am, and as a matter of equity we expect the same.

### **Unacceptable Increase in Carbon Footprint**

We are deeply concerned by climate change and the very serious threat it poses to our future. Your proposed expansion of the aviation industry is completely at odds with global efforts to urgently reduce our carbon footprint, and would undermine commendable efforts by the ACT government to reduce emissions. Neither does locating Sydney's second airport 300 km from Sydney seem to be best practice in sustainable transportation. The non-aviation side of your business demonstrates leadership in ecological sustainability, and we ask you to apply these principles to the whole of your business.

### **OUR REQUEST**

- **A night time curfew on aircraft movements from 11pm to 6 am**
- **No 24-hour freight hub or second Sydney airport**
- **Recognition of health standards regarding sleep disturbance.**
- **More concerted action on reducing the Airport's carbon footprint.**

Yours sincerely,



Dr Keith and Mrs Pamela D. Hammond  
6 May, 2009

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