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Dear Stephen

Canberra Airport preliminary draft Master Plan

I have had the opportunity to review your 2009 preliminary draft Master Plan and wish to congratulate you, Terry and the whole Airport team for what you have done for the past ten years, and more importantly for your vision for the next 20 years. The development at the Airport, and the quality of that development has been fantastic for Canberra, and I believe the Canberra Community should all support its further growth.

The commencement of international flights and increased domestic and regional flights from Canberra Airport will provide a huge stimulus to the local economy and boost tourism. The exciting new terminal project will I'm sure provide an outstanding platform for these new services. The commencement of a freight hub will also deliver jobs and economic growth for the whole region.

I also commend the Airport on its support for the Very High Speed Train proposal. While this might be many years away, it pays to plan in advance. There is no underestimating the massive impact this would have on Canberra, including making Canberra so much more accessible for residents of Sydney, and at the same time making Canberra Airport a real alternative to Sydney Airport.

Given this exciting platform for growth, it remains a source of frustration for myself and many others to see that proposals to build homes at Tralee remain afoot. Not only does this unnecessarily put at risk the peace and quiet of many Canberrans but would also potentially restrict the growth of the Airport, and the associated benefits this has on the region as a whole. Given there is so much land in Canberra and Queanbeyan available for residential development that is away from aircraft flight paths, the development proposals at Tralee and Environa should be totally rejected.

Yours sincerely



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