

5 May 2009

Canberra Airport
2 Brindabella Circuit
Brindabella Business Park ACT 2609

Attention Mr Stephen Byron

Dear Stephen,

Re: Statement in Support of the Canberra Airport Master Plan

As a Canberra based surveying consultancy, Land Data Surveys has a significant involvement in the development of broad acre land for residential housing. This development is necessary to support the growing population of our prosperous city and surrounding region. We are currently providing surveying services to several residential estates in the region including Googong, Crace and Casey. Therefore with high quality residential land available in and around Canberra we believe that development below flight paths:

- Is unnecessary, because ample land is available in other locations
- Will inevitably lead to future conflict between residents and the owners of the airport
- Will provide less than optimal quality of life for the residents
- Will eventually lead to altered flight paths to achieve a level of "noise sharing" which will in turn effect residents living in other areas who did not previously suffer from aircraft noise.

As part of the consultancy work we undertake for Canberra Airport, we have spatially plotted the noise contours over the proposed development and can clearly see that people residing in this area will be affected by an unacceptable level of aircraft noise. We therefore support your position that development below the flight path is simply very poor urban design and completely avoidable as better alternative sites currently exist.

We firmly believe that Australia's Capital City airport should be developed to offer a suitable gateway into Australia for international visitors, heads of Government and dignitaries from other countries flying directly to our nation's capital. We are excited at the prospect of an appropriate terminal development for Canberra Airport and we support the concept of direct international flights to and from the redeveloped airport.

Being forced to fly via Sydney numerous times each year, we personally get to experience the congestion that is an inevitable part of a major city airport. It would seem to be a sensible alternative that some regional, national and even international flights could depart from Canberra in order to reduce the load on Sydney Airport. This would not only save congestion and flying times, but could also negate the need to spend millions of dollars developing a second airport for Sydney.

A freight distribution hub at Canberra airport could further utilise existing facilities and also ease aircraft congestion in Sydney.

The proposed "very fast train" project which has been talked about for many years would also further enhance this proposition.

Land Data Surveys supports the airport's master plan and sees Canberra Airport as a responsible citizen and a major economic driver for our capital city.

Yours Faithfully

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