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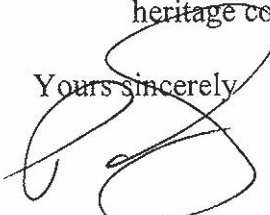
Canberra Airport Master Plan Preliminary Draft – February 2009

Dear Mr Byron

We note the revised master plan but are concerned that heritage issues are not adequately addressed in the document.

1. The Airports Act and Airports (Environmental Protection) Regulation 1997 clause 3.03, 4.04-4.05 requires owners to establish the heritage values of a place and then to manage them within any master plan. There is no evidence that this has been done in the Preliminary Draft.
2. The National Trust is extremely concerned that the Conservation Heritage Assessment for the site has not been released for public review and that there are heritage values that are not being considered within the master plan.
3. We believe that the master plan should not be approved before the heritage values of the site are clearly defined and accepted after a public and authority review process.
4. We urge you to keep to your stated commitment presented on your website to incorporate heritage conservation principles in the final development concepts for Fairbairn.

Yours sincerely


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Heritage Officer