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**Submission  
Regarding Canberra International Airport 2009 Preliminary Draft Master Plan**

- (1) The current business model of Canberra 'International' Airport (CIA), as detailed in the **Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP2009)**, plans for Canberra Airport (which is an inner city airport) to become **Sydney's Second Airport** and a **Regional and International Freight Hub**.
- (2) The current Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) **reiterates dramatic future increases of aircraft traffic** at Canberra Airport that have been criticized in detail before as being misleading and driven by wishful thinking. Every thinking person has to realize that **the basis for CIA planning is utterly unrealistic**, especially considering the challenges of global climate change.
- (3) If this business model was allowed to go ahead, CIA in effect (a) would **move the airport closer to residential areas**, as far as noise pollution is concerned; (b) would **import aircraft noise from Sydney** to Canberra; (c) would **undermine Canberra's opportunities to remain a liveable city**; and (d) would **obliterate Canberra's attempts to reduce the city's carbon footprint**.
- (4) In the view of the North Canberra Community Council (NCCC) **the current PDMP2009 fails to address community concerns** expressed since 1998 in numerous detailed submissions to CIA Draft Master Plans. There is no indication whatsoever that successive CIA's business models have been modified in the slightest to address community concerns.
- (5) NCCC continues to be of the opinion that the ACT Government, the ACT community, the community of the wider region and CIA need **planning security** in the form of a **night-time curfew at Canberra 'International' Airport**. Such a curfew will **help CIA to develop more realistic business models** for the airport and at the same time **protect residents of Canberra and the region from intrusive aircraft noise**.
- (6) **NCCC also objects to the current procedure** in which CIA is in full control of the consultation and submission process. It is utterly frustrating to Canberra community associations and councils that their continued and detailed submission efforts have never received detailed feedback, quite apart from the fact that it has remained unclear whether decision makers in the Federal Government had actually access to these submissions.
- (7) NCCC therefore requests
  - (a) **That the PDMP2009 be rejected.**
  - (b) **That a 11pm to 6am night time curfew be introduced in Canberra.**
  - (b) **That the consultation process should be revised** before CIA is allowed to present its revised PDMD to prevent conflicts of interest. Consultation should be carried out by policy-making government agencies, like Airservices Australia, not by CIA.

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