

Canberra Airport  
2 Brindabella Circuit  
Brindabella Business Park  
CANBERRA AIRPORT ACT 2609



4 MAY 2009

## Canberra International Airport's preliminary draft Master Plan 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to your invitation for public comment I wish to make the following objections.

You propose to operate a 24 hour freight hub at Canberra Airport. This is a significant departure from the current usage of the airport, involving bigger, noisier and more frequent aircraft. The community has the right to know how a freight hub would impact on our homes, and particularly our sleeping hours. I do not consider that your draft Master Plan addresses this adequately. Independent noise information is crucial to any meaningful community consultation on the proposed 24-hour freight hub, and I therefore request the right to further comment after the noise expert appointed by the ACT Government reports later this year.

There are clear standards from the World Health Organisation about the noise levels at which sleep disturbance occurs, and the consequent adverse impacts on health. These must be recognised. We have previously dealt with Canberra Airport regarding road developments in Pialligo and experienced extremely poor public consultation and inadequate information. Your claims that existing aircraft noise protection measures will adequately protect residents from future aircraft noise are not supported by any evidence, and I have no confidence in them. As residents of Pialligo we expect and accept a certain level of aircraft noise intruding into our lives but at present live with being regularly woken by such noise during the early hours of the morning. Sydney residents have their sleep protected from aircraft noise by a curfew from 11pm to 6am, and as a matter of equality we demand the same.

### Our requests

- 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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Orr &amp; Jane O'Sullivan'.

Peter Orr & Jane O'Sullivan

Pialligo ACT 2609

28 April 2009