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RE: Airport Master Plan

As a consequence of Canberra's steady growth and its role as the National Capital, direct international access to the city would be assumed to be a given. The fact that it is still not so is bewildering, a little embarrassing and might bring a visitor to question how a nation views its capital and itself. The proposal to make Canberra airport an international gateway with world class facilities is not only necessary, its way overdue. We are excited at the prospect of having the world at our doorstep and applaud your plan for making that happen.

We are also hopeful of your vision of establishing VFT link to Sydney should the Federal Government choose Canberra as a second airport to Sydney. It's not pie in the sky stuff as there are as many as twenty other counties that have seen the merits of fast rail and are right now in the process of making that a reality. A VFT in itself would already transform Canberra in many positive ways.

As residents of Jerrabomberra we are mindful of air traffic but accept it as part of a growing airport and city. After all, we became residents of Jerrabomberra 4 years ago with both the knowledge that we were moving close to a flight path and that inevitably the traffic would increase in the coming years. It is a sentiment I would remind any developer and resident of the future Tralee development of.

All the best for your vision, it can only be good for all of us.

Yours Sincerely,

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