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Dear Stephen

RE: Comment on the Canberra Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2009

As a regular airport user for many years, we have read the *Canberra Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2009* with considerable interest.

We have been delighted and encouraged to see the scale and diversity of improvements that have occurred since the airport was privatised and which were foreshadowed in previous master plans. At last, Australia is obtaining an airport which provides an appropriate gateway to the nation's capital.

The construction of both aviation and non aviation facilities which delivered these improvements has created, and continues to create, substantial employment opportunities throughout the region. For many years, as you know, we ran a successful consulting business from an office on the airport. We were one of the early, new breed of airport business tenants. The very high quality office space and retail premises now available, in what is a central and convenient location, house a multitude of businesses which also provide employment for thousands of people. The economic impact of the airport on the region is enormous.

We welcome the prospect of direct international flights being available to us personally and to generate growth in regional business and tourism. The very fast train concept will also help in this regard and together with extended airport facilities will provide a basis for Canberra to be a viable alternative to Sydney as a hub for both passengers and freight.

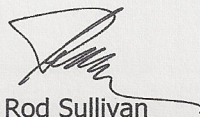
Obviously the community will be concerned about increased aircraft noise generated by airport growth but the Preliminary Draft Master Plan indicates this is an issue to which the airport's planners have given a lot of careful consideration and established sensible plans for its management.

We commend you on the vision expressed in the plan and look forward to its future implementation for the benefit of Canberra and the region.

Yours sincerely



Linda Sullivan



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