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Good afternoon

Firstly I would like to thank the airport for an informative and well balanced draft master plan addressing the role of the airport over the future years.

In particular I'm impressed with the planned redevelopment of the access to the airport itself and the terminal building. I've not had the pleasure of travelling through the airport itself, however I've made more use of other airports (particularly in Europe) than I would like and I know that the most important thing for an air traveller is to make their way from the hotel or business meeting to the aircraft (and not just at the terminal but more importantly to the aircraft at the end of the runway waiting for clearance to take-off) as quickly, efficiently, and as simply as possible. Your plans to this effect look well sought out, architecturally impressive for the Capital, and should allow air travellers many years of effortless transition to the aircraft - thank you.

Furthermore expansion of airline routes to additional destinations and promotion as a further airport option to the Sydney airports can only be seen as a benefit to the local economy and the Canberra community as a whole.

Finally, minimising the environmental impact of the airport on the surrounds is to be commended - my wife works at Brindabella Business Park and I'm always so very impressed at how green and healthy the place looks.

Of concern though is the impact the proposed developments in NSW will have on Canberra. Firstly I should say that I have only lived in Australia for two years, and have spent all this time in Canberra, prior to this I lived in the South East of England and grew up to the west of Heathrow next to a train line, near a motor way, and with an industrial estate close by. One of the many positives about moving to Canberra is the very discrete zoning and land use in the ACT that means that it is rare anyone is impacted by noise (road, industrial, music, and of course aircraft), let alone emissions, excess traffic congestion, light pollution, and so on. Instead we get to live in a well planned city that is easy to get around with plenty of green areas and a generally very pleasant ambiance. Secondly I want to point out that whilst living in the UK I worked in the aerospace industry carrying research into aircraft noise and have a first hand experience of the impact that land use and flight operations have on an airline, the airport, and the local community. With these two points in mind I am absolutely astounded - disappointed in fact - that housing developments are planned in NSW in

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the vicinity of the airport. Not only does such a development appears completely contradictory with ICAO's balanced approach to noise management around airports (and setting a very bad precedent for further development at other airports) but it makes a mockery of the efforts in ACT planning and land development over the last 50 years. Whilst I accept that there will be a substantial economic boost for Queenbeyan, and indirectly Canberra, the social cost that will be borne by all Canberrans should noise sharing go ahead will, in my opinion, far out weight any financial benefit. And yes, I am a NIMBY, but this goes far beyond being selfish and not wanting aircraft noise over my house - the planned development and the concept of noise sharing goes against international best practise, sensibilities, common sense, the recommendations of Government agencies, sets a very bad example to other developers and airports, increases the load on ATC, gives the aircraft and engine manufactures the message that reducing noise at source is not a priority, and is just plain stupid.

Good luck for the future!

Best regards,

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