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Dear Stephen,

Thankyou for inviting me to comment on the numerous issues that relate to the growth and development of not only the Airport precinct but its potential to stimulate major demographic changes for the entire south-east region for generations to come.

I have always believed that the location of the airport lends itself to becoming a major distribution hub for the south-east wherby road and air services could be intergrated through the upgrading of Majura Road and other major arteries.

If Canberra is to be able to develop as a major, vibrant metropolis, without having to rely on government activity and spending as its primary source of revenue, it is essential that programmes to stimulate population growth and tourism be explored seriously. The upgrading of the airport to international status and the removal of the curfew has my full support.

I was extremely disapointed when the very fast rail link between Canberra and Sydney was shelved as I believe that project had the potential to change the entire region from several angles. The over-population of western Sydney and the strain on infrastructure could have been alleviated as people ventured south looking for a better life style but still be within commuting distance of both cities.

Goulburn could have received a major boost as it would be a logical choice for maintaining the fleet of trains.

Canberra airport would be the logical choice as the terminal for not only passengers between the cities but also for overseas travellers requiring high-speed transfers. In short becoming Sydney's second airport.

The overall benefit to the entire south-east region would be enormous from so many aspects.

Kind regards,

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