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Dear Ms Aves

Public Consultation Submission - Canberra Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2009

This submission is in response to the Canberra Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2009, which was released for public consultation in accordance with the Major Developments Plan provisions of the *Airports Act*. I request this submission be dealt with according to the provisions of that Act.

The Canberra Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2009 details a proposal to operate a 24 hour passenger and freight hub. This will involve larger, noisier, and more frequent night-time aircraft movements at the airport. As a land holder living in an area that will be effected if this proposal proceeds I believe I will be injuriously affected, and wish to object to the part of the proposal that will result in scheduling commercial aircraft movements between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am.

At a public consultation meeting on 30 April 2009 the airport representative, Mr Noel McCann, mentioned that noise monitoring equipment failed to detect noise from night time movements of large military cargo aircraft used to support the visit to Canberra by the President of the USA in 2004. Without disputing Mr McCann's claim, I can attest that the noise from the aircraft patrolling Canberra skies throughout the night of the President's visit disturbed my sleep, and made me realise the adverse impact that any late night/ early morning aircraft movements will have on me.

I submit that the capacity of Canberra airport will allow operators to achieve their passenger and freight ambitions for the horizon of the Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2009, without the need for aircraft movements between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am on the following day. Aircraft can schedule their arrival in Canberra on any day between 6:01am and 10:59pm by adjusting departure timing at points of origin. I see no reason why members of the Canberra/ Queanbeyan communities should suffer regular disturbance in their sleeping hours because of aircraft curfew limitations imposed by other jurisdictions, or other operational/ commercial requirements.

I request that Canberra Airport amend its Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2009 by removing any proposals that will involve scheduling large commercial aircraft taking off or landing at Canberra airport between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am on the following day. Alternatively I request the Plan be amended to reflect that Canberra Airport proposes to meet the costs of sound-proofing to a defined standard all dwellings adversely affected by noise from night-time aircraft operations.

Yours sincerely

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