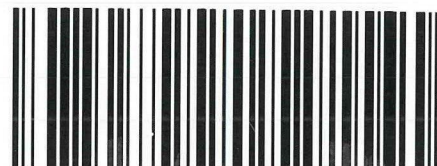




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Proposed Planning Proposal – Canberra Airport

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Dear Sir / Madam

Draft Planning Proposal – Canberra Airport

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Planning Proposal (Ministerial Direction) for Canberra Airport. The Department of Defence (Defence) acknowledges that the proposed Ministerial Direction helps to protect Canberra Airports continued operations.

Defence understands that the initiative is seeking to prevent land that is within the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) 20 noise contour for Canberra Airport, from being rezoned for increased residential development.

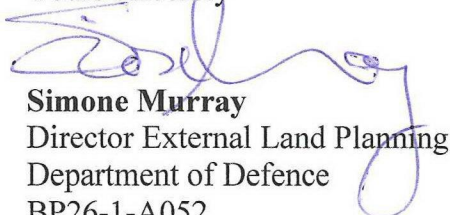
Defence is supportive of the sentiment of the draft Ministerial Direction as it seeks to prevent further encroachment of inappropriate noise sensitive development around Canberra airport and will provide greater certainty for future development. Encroachment of Defence sites by incompatible surrounding land uses (such as, residential, child care centres, health service facilities and educational establishments) is emerging as a significant issue for Defence. Defence would be interested in having similar *s117 Ministerial Directions* applied to relevant military airfields such as RAAF Williamtown, RAAF Richmond and HMAS Albatross.

With this in mind, Defence would like to meet with the Department to discuss the possibilities of having similar Ministerial Directions (using Canberra as the model) applied to relevant military airfields in order to better protect them from land use conflicts.

To discuss the content of this submission further please contact Mr Tim Hogan on (02) 6266 8540 or email on lpsi.directorate@defence.gov.au.

Please also note that I have recently been appointed as the Director of External Land Planning and my contact address is provided in the signature block below.

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