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Department of Infrastructure and Transport



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Proposed Planning Policy – Canberra Airport
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Proposed s117 Direction 5.9 – Development near Canberra Airport.

I write to make a submission, on behalf of the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Transport, on the proposed s117 Direction 5.9 – Development near Canberra Airport.

The Department welcomes the proposed direction as a positive step towards protecting both Canberra Airport and its surrounding communities. Whilst the Department remains opposed to residential development at greenfield sites in close proximity to major aircraft flight paths, the proposed direction goes some way towards striking a balance between residential growth in the Queanbeyan region and the future operational requirements of the Airport.

I have attached for your information correspondence previously sent on this matter from the Secretary of this Department, Mike Mrdak, to the NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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9 May 2013

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The Hon Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter dated 29 January 2013 about your intention to prepare a new planning direction in respect of development near Canberra Airport.

The Department welcomes the proposed s117 Direction 5.9 – Development near Canberra Airport. Whilst I must reaffirm the Department's ongoing opposition to residential development at greenfield sites in such close proximity to major aircraft flight paths, the proposed direction goes some way towards striking a balance between residential growth in the Queanbeyan region and the future operational requirements of Canberra Airport.

In addition to your proposal, I would suggest that some consideration is given to the formal assessment for strategic planning purposes of land outside, but in close proximity to, the 20 ANEF contour. As you are aware, aircraft noise does not stop at a fixed line, and our analysis shows that residents who live close to this contour can still expect to experience significant noise impacts.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to comment on this proposal and I look forward to engaging further with your Department on its implementation.

Yours sincerely

Mike Mrdak

27 February 2013