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Dear Sir

It is with some dismay that I read the proposed draft planning proposal for Canberra Airport. The discussions associated with the Tralee development have been long and arduous and we had thought that they had come to an end with the rezoning and go ahead for the suburb. It would appear, however, that the airport is once again trying to stop the development in another way.

There should be one noise abatement standard for the whole of Australia and it should be applied to all airports. There should be no special circumstances for special cases such as Canberra. The same standard should be applied to all airports and businesses in a consistent and fair manner. As this proposal stands, the airport is trying to stifle development in three local council areas. Meanwhile, the density of development at the airport itself and its immediate surrounds goes blithely ahead without concern. As it stands, there are already child care facilities at the airport itself and no doubt accommodation and serviced apartments are planned for future development in this vicinity.

Noise is not the issue here. I would challenge the validity of the maps attached to this proposal. They show a noise abatement area that is not representative of where the planes actually fly. The planes come in directly over the Jerrabomberra Public School and not in the area as shaded on the maps. This seems to be about a business trying to stop progress for their own benefit and gain and a deliberate act of sabotage to stop legitimate develop in an area of need.

Any ANEF should be assessed independently of the client. This one seems to have been dictated by the client and has a blatant bias towards the privately-owned Canberra Airport and without consideration to other communities and the future needs of the area for accommodation, educational and service facilities.

The one week turn-around for a response to this issue is also unacceptable. For such an important issue for local people who have not been consulted as to whether they want a 24-hour airport in their area, it would appear that this is rushed and merely lip-service to a decision that has probably already been made. I am sceptical about the whole process.

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