



The Hon Barry O'Farrell
Premier NSW
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Dear Premier,

Re Minister Albanese's Dangerous Precedent on Canberra Airport and South Tralee

The Queanbeyan Business Council is very concerned about the dangerous precedent that will be created if Minister Albanese succeeds in pressuring the NSW government to reject the residential rezoning of South Tralee. Minister Albanese's claim that South Tralee will inhibit the future growth of Canberra Airport is untrue and contrary to current Commonwealth and NSW policies for land use planning around airports which adopt the ANEF system. The ANEF has successfully protected airports and residents of new housing across the nation for over 30 years.

South Tralee complies with the ultimate capacity ANEF contours prepared by Canberra Airport which assume it will have more flights than currently experienced at Sydney Airport. The QBC believes Growth at Canberra Airport will deliver economic growth to Queanbeyan and Canberra. Tralee will NOT impact on any growth of Canberra Airport. If you have any concerns I would like to invite you and Minister Hazzard to a personal tour of the site to see the truth in this argument that Tralee is not under a flight path and further from a flight path than existing areas.

Our concern is that Minister Albanese and the leaseholder of Canberra Airport are targeting South Tralee to seek a precedent to scrap the ANEF system and implement dramatic changes to land use planning policy around all airports. These changes were proposed by the Commonwealth through NASAG in Draft "Safeguarding Airports Guidelines" released for public comment as recently as 22 February. The area that these guidelines seek to sterilise around all airports is very much larger than the current ANEF system.

If your government rejects South Tralee it would create a precedent which would invariably lead to the destruction of the ANEF system and the rejection of other housing proposals with similar noise affection near all airports in NSW (and Canberra and Coolangatta Airports). This would further inhibit the already depleted production of new housing in NSW.

South Tralee has far less noise than Double Bay. It is more than 10 km from Canberra Airport and despite Minister Albanese's claims, it is not under any nominated flight path. The approval of Tralee would leave a 2 km wide corridor for aircraft movements 10 – 12 km from the Airport.

South Tralee is supported unanimously by Queanbeyan City Council and by the local Member, John Barilaro. It will deliver jobs, much needed infrastructure and affordable housing to Queanbeyan. The development is also supported by virtually the entire residential communities of Queanbeyan/Jerrabomberra.

The QBC urges the NSW government to resist the interminable delays caused by the Commonwealth and the airport lessee and immediately rezone South Tralee for residential use.

Yours faithfully

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