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Dear Sir / Madam,

**Submission re Proposed Western Sydney Employment Area Extension**

The NSW Government has identified that the proposed development of an airport at Badgerys Creek and the significant road enhancements that have been announced are potential catalysts for the growth of Western Sydney. Accordingly it is now proposing to expand the Western Sydney Employment Area (WSEA) south to Elizabeth Drive and to include land west of the proposed airport, in order to accommodate the predicted increase in jobs forecast for the long term.

Sydney Airport agrees that the growth of the proposed airport will provide economic and social benefits to the western Sydney community. The faster the proposed airport grows, the greater the economic and social benefits provided to the western Sydney community. Likewise, the growth of western Sydney will support the growth of the airport.

Sydney Airport supports the expansion of the WSEA to enable businesses to use land for identified purposes such as transport and logistics, warehousing and office space close to the proposed airport.

Sydney Airport also supports the investigation of strategies that will encourage a mix of developments that in turn will support a wider range of employment opportunities. In particular high-value jobs, initially in the construction, aviation and services industries, and over the longer term ideally in higher density employment industries such as information technology, transport logistics, science and technology, health and education.

Whilst Sydney Airport is in the early stages of its analysis of the proposed airport development, as part of our Right of First Refusal under the 2002 Sydney Airport Sale Agreement, we believe that encouraging development closer to the airport precinct will support the long term success of the airport and support the governments' objectives of growing Sydney as a polycentric city with employment opportunities close to where people live.

To that end we would like to advocate the staging of the WSEA be undertaken to prioritise development around the borders of the airport land. In particular we refer to the two front staging scenarios proposed in Section 5.2 Figure 35 of the Draft Structure Plan (June 2013).

We also understand that following the announcement of the proposed airport and roads package the Department is considering the benefits of 'out of sequence' development of the WSEA. We ask that priority be given to development including the provision of appropriate services, access and transport infrastructure within defined or consolidated areas, such as near the airport, rather than incremental developments (including spot or opportunistic development) which may not maximise the long term benefits for the WSEA, broader Western Sydney and the Western Sydney Airport.

In our meeting with Simon Manoski and Bruce Colman (9 September 2014) there was discussion about the need to ensure the airspace allows for the future safe and efficient operation of the Western Sydney Airport was appropriately identified and protected. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this more fully with you as the plans for the airport develop.

We look forward to working closely with the Department of Planning and Environment, and other stakeholders, to ensure that the planning of the area surrounding the airport, including the WSEA, support the growth of both Western Sydney and the airport.

Would you please include Joseph Chan [Joseph.Chan@syd.com.au](mailto:Joseph.Chan@syd.com.au) and Jane Rotsey [Jane.Rotsey@syd.com.au](mailto:Jane.Rotsey@syd.com.au) as your contacts for Sydney Airport as the WSEA consultation progresses and work continues on the Draft Structure Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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