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FW: Submission on Central Coast Regional Plan - re. Proposed Warnervale Airport

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Dear Sir / Madam

I am a resident of Wyee Point and I am very concerned about the proposed airport at Warnervale. The plans are for the aircraft to fly directly over the area which will inhabit the tranquility of the suburb. I value the natural wildlife, the lake and the quietness of the suburb. This is the main reason we chose to purchase in the area. If the airport goes ahead, it will pollute the lake and a health hazard to the people of Wyee Point. There are a lot of families with young children, the average age being young. I would kindly ask you to ask Doug Eaton if he would like to live under the path of aircraft. He does not care about residence, only the money. I have family living in Summer Hill in Sydney, and they experience every five minutes the blaring noise of aircraft to the extent that conversations cease when they fly over. Is this what we want for our area. I think not. There were no plans when we moved here of this, they should definitely think twice. Sydney is just over one hour drive and Newcastle is only forty minutes, we do not need another airport so close. Especially one that has 1000000 passengers a year. Ballina airport has large aircraft and this area does not need it. This is not even mentioning the local Warnervale wetlands that would be deeply affected.

I am opposed to the inclusion of the Warnervale Airport in the Central Coast Regional Plan. A Regional Airport at Warnervale is incompatible with the Goals of the Regional Plan:

- **Goal 1: Enhance community lifestyles and accelerate housing supply.** An airport would destroy community lifestyles and make surrounding housing undesirable to live in. It may render some areas planned for urban release unsuitable, reducing housing supply. Proposed flight paths are over or adjacent to Wyee, Mountain Road Warnervale, Alison, Watanobbi, North Wyong, Wyong, Bruce Crescent, Warnervale and the new Town Centre.
- **Goal 2: Grow and diversify Regional Economy.** An airport at Warnervale will effectively contract the Regional Economy by sterilising valuable and unique industrial land, destroying 626 industrial jobs (SGS) and hampering economic diversity. Wyong Council said of the Warnervale Airport site in 2014, "This will become the employment hub that kick starts the Warnervale Employment Zone development estimated to create 6,000 jobs."
- **Goal 3: Sustain productive landscapes.** 900m of Warnervale Airport is to be located in Porters Creek Wetland which forms part of the drinking water catchment for the Central Coast. The presence of a large airport with an 1800m runway penetrating this pristine environment puts the water supply at serious risk of contamination.

- **Goal 4: Protect and manage the natural and cultural environment.** The airport site is surrounded by environmentally sensitive land. The 1,800m runway and safety runoff penetrates 900m into the SEPP 14 and E2 zoned Porters Creek Wetland.

I thank Planning NSW for removing the airport from the Draft Central Coast Regional Plan and request that there is NO AIRPORT in the final Central Coast Regional Plan.

This airport is not viable, not necessary and is contrary to all the goals stated in the Draft Plan.