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Dear Director,

Re Draft Central Coast Regional Plan

I wish to endorse your Departments decision to remove Wyong Council's airport from the Regional Plan and request that it remains out of the Plan.

I believe there is ample evidence to show there is no place for an airport in the Wyong area, particularly at Warnervale, Wyong Council's latest airport location. This location, in the SEPP 14 Porters Creek Wetland which is I understand part of the Central Coast drinking Water Catchment fails to comply with the Goal 4 in the Plan, to protect and manage the natural and cultural environment.

The airport site is surrounded by residential areas and adjacent to the new Warnervale Town Centre. The noise from aircraft using the airport will impinge on existing and yet to be released housing areas and as such will contravene Goal 1 in the Plan, to enhance community lifestyles and accelerate housing supply.

I currently use Newcastle Airport for as much of my flying as possible and see Newcastle as the Central Coast's Regional airport. The Central Coast and Lake Macquarie areas do not need another Regional Airport. To build another competing airport is a waste of valuable capital that could go toward Goal 2 in the Plan, to Grow and diversify the Regional Economy.

I have been looking forward to Warnervale airport being closed for many years, as has been promised by Wyong Shire Council. The Warnervale site, I understood, has been zoned industrial as a key job creating part of the Wyong Employment Zone. The sterilisation of this land under a runway fails to grow the economy.

I urge your department to maintain no airport in the final Regional Plan.

