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Dear Director,

Re Draft Central Coast Regional Plan

I believe a Regional Airport at Warnervale is incompatible with the Goals of the Regional Plan for the following reasons.

- Goal 1: *Enhance community lifestyles and accelerate housing supply.* An airport is incompatible with this goal as it destroys community lifestyles and makes 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 the 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.

As Warnervale Airport contravenes all of the goals in the Regional Plan, I request that it remains removed from the Plan.

