

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Discussion Paper. Parkes Shire Council endorses the actions of your Department in working towards a coordinated approach across Australia to better protect airports and communities. Council's comments are of a general nature and are as follows:

- \* Council would support a simpler system for managing aircraft noise assessment noting the differing circumstances of airports across Australia, such as density and type of development and background noise
- \* A strengthening of powers for Local Government is needed in relation to the power to direct the removal/modification of a hazard affecting the OLS, such as tree growth
- \* A strengthening of powers for Local Government is needed in relation to activities in the vicinity of airports that may be an attractor of wildlife hazards. This should include works that may not require development consent, such as dams and some vegetation, and give the power to Council to direct the removal of the attractor
- \* The development of consistent guidelines, such as for developments that may affect turbulence and wind shear, lighting and pilot distractions, implementation of public safety zones, should be risk based so that the variations in differing circumstances of airports across Australia are considered
- \* The costs, including perceived losses, associated with any measures adopted should always be the responsibility of the developer or those undertaking the activity.

I trust these comments are of some assistance in the review while not providing much in the way of solutions.

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