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Dear Mr Dowie,

Safeguards for Airports and the Communities Around Them

Your issues paper entitled "Safeguards for Airports and the Communities Around Them" flags the possibility of a more conservative standard than AS 2021 for greenfield sites. We do not believe that different standards should be applied to future residents of greenfield sites compared to brownfield sites or infill. This would unreasonably restrict the supply of affordable housing in Queanbeyan.

The growth of Queanbeyan has been restricted for many years by the lack of greenfield sites for residential and industrial development. The Queanbeyan Business Council supports the residential and industrial development of South Jerrabomberra and Googong identified by the NSW government in the 2008 Sydney-Canberra Corridor Strategy. Canberra Airport has vigorously opposed the proposed residential development of South Jerrabomberra even though it complies with AS 2021.

The Queanbeyan Business Council has previously lodged submissions on the Department's Issues Paper and Green Paper in support of the ANEF system.

The Queanbeyan Business Council would be grateful if you could consider this as a late submission on the Issues Paper. We will follow the development of the National Aviation Policy with interest.

Yours sincerely



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