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Dear Sir/Madam

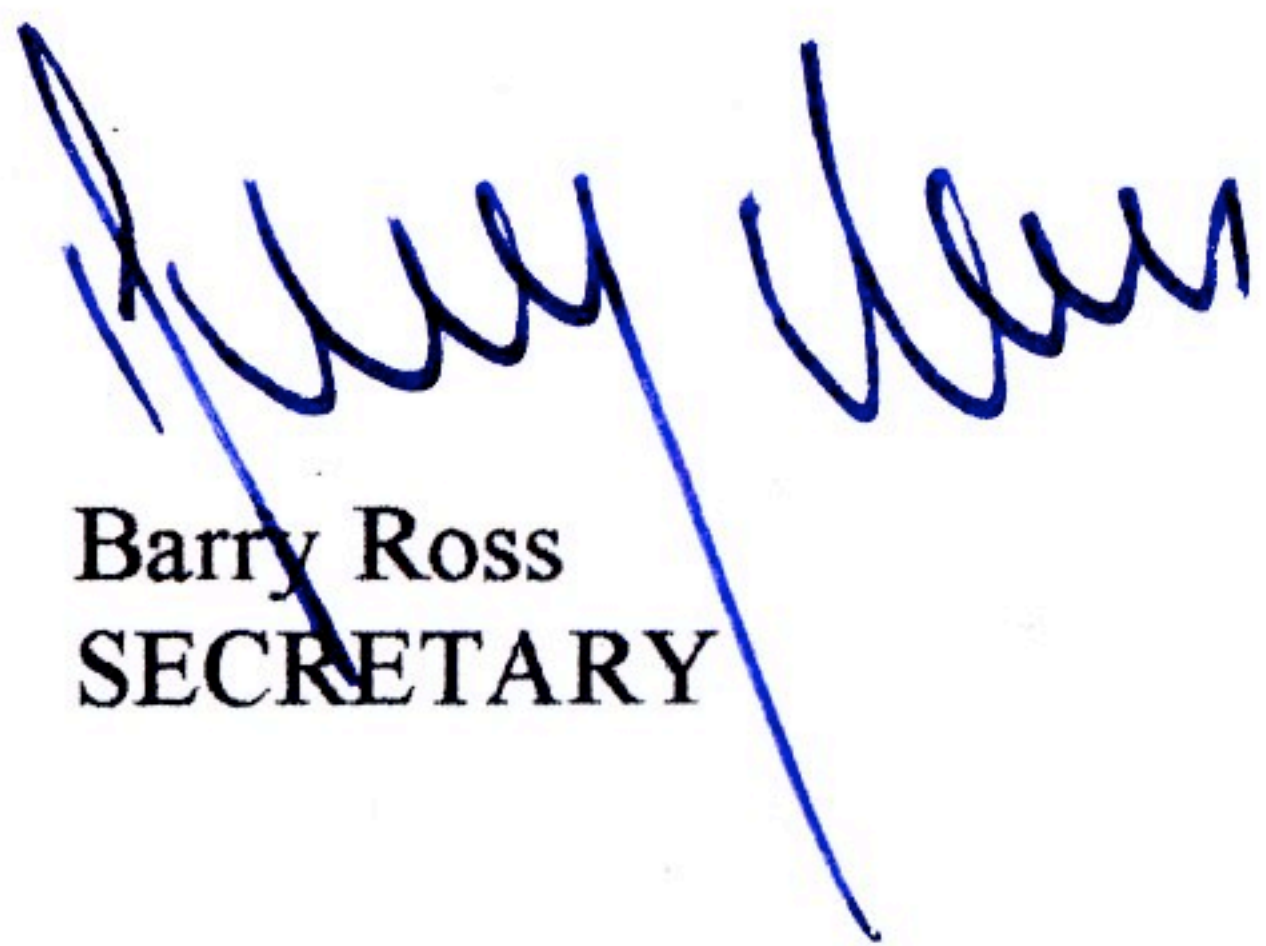
NATIONAL AVIATION POLICY GREEN PAPER MOORABBIN AIRPORT

We hope you will accept our following late but short submission to the above Green Paper. Our comments are confined entirely to those relating to the protection of the South East Green Wedge in which the Moorabbin Airport is situated:

- We concerned that the Moorabbin Airport is unfortunately being rapidly transformed from a working airport to a business/commercial/industrial precinct.
- The conversion of the airport is resulting in the runways being surrounded and contained by large buildings. This is creating a safety hazard and will limit development of the airport for legitimate aviation activities.
- The plan to convert the popular Moorabbin Municipal Golf Course to an industrial use will result in the loss of a valuable community asset on publicly owned open space land and should not be allowed to proceed.
- The development at Moorabbin Airport flies in the face of fair, orderly and sustainable planning, contravenes the State and Local Government planning policies and would not get to first base if the site was not exempt from the State planning laws.

To us the solution to the current unsatisfactory situation is simple and that is to allow State planning laws to apply to all development proposed for non-aviation purposes on privatised airports.

Yours faithfully



Barry Ross
SECRETARY