

# National Aviation Policy

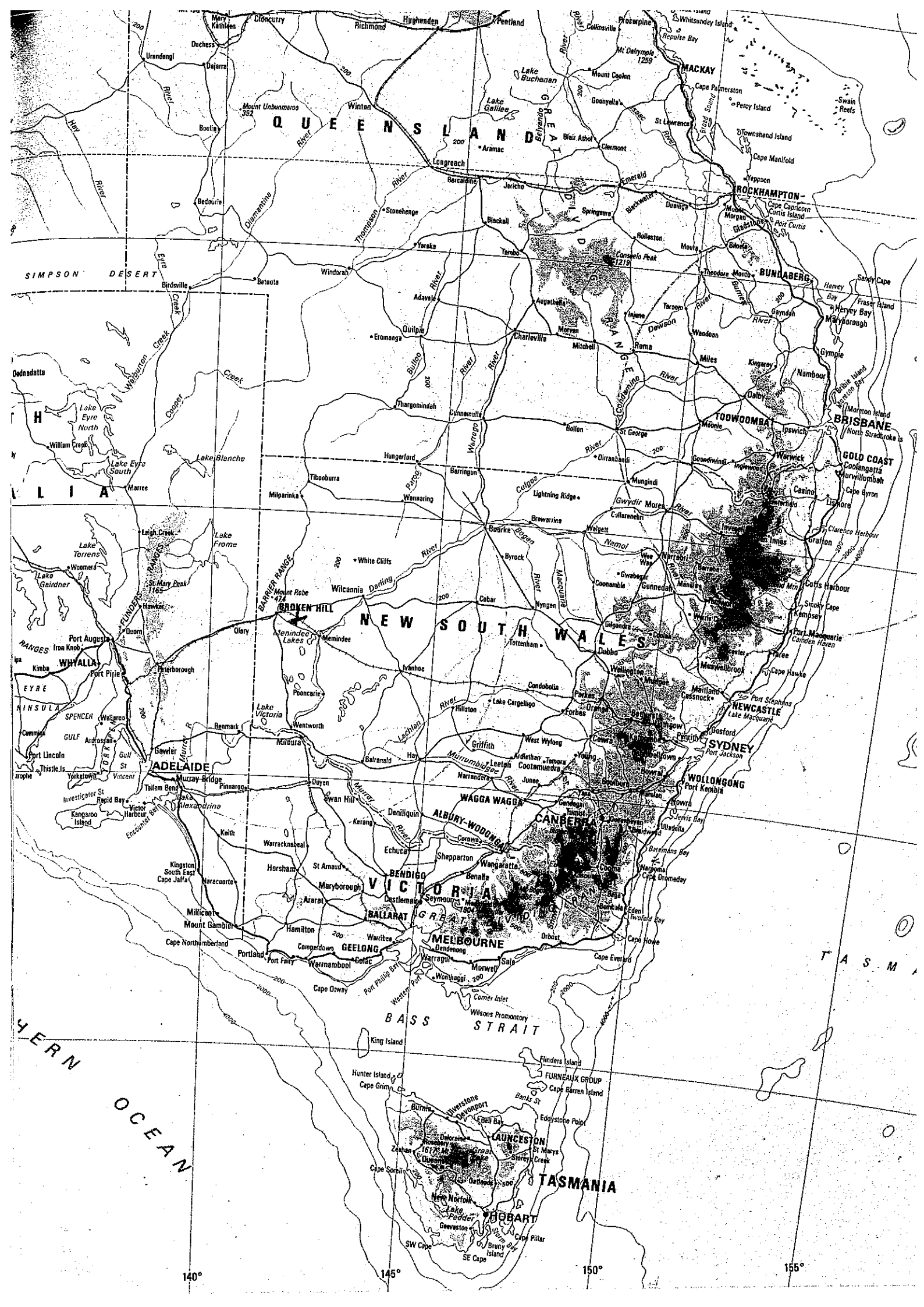
**An alternative view/proposal**

*” QUONDONG ”*

AUSTRALIAN AIR TOWN  
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QUEENSLAND

NEW SOUTH WALES

VICTORIA

TASMANIA

SIMPSON DESERT

SOUTHERN OCEAN

TASMANIA

140°

145°

150°

155°

*I am very interested in a old cherry that has been plucked once again and thrust before the populace, as a state issue. It should be a federal issue, one that all Australians could benefit from. The issue .....*

### *"A New Airport Site For Sydney"*

*An honest critic...*

*In my view Sydney doesn't need a new airport, anymore than Adelaide needs a new Airport. Australia does need a new airport, collectively" In fact Australia needs an inland " Air Town "*

*People +Freight congestion...*

*A good % of the people thru Sydney Airport are on route to other destinations ,interstate and intrastate and overseas. They are only using Sydney as a connecting point. Why? Because there is not an alternative, they don't do it from choice. A better located Australian airport, strategically located would benefit most Australians. It would take the immense pressure off, air traffic corridors, people handling facilities and community's under wing.*

*A better alternative...*

*"Building Up The Outback" could be the title for the greatest project in Australia since the Snowy Mountains Scheme. Visionary and of immense benefit to Australia. Actually its not a new thought, nothing is, however it is very worthy of considerable thought and action .I have actually put this proposal before the Howard team when they asked for proposals re " Infrastructure for Australia", possibly around 10 years ago. Others have of course discussed this for many years prior to then.*

*The Vision...*

*An International Airline City. Situated near road , rail and air corridors. In an area where no one is inconvenienced thru curfews and other productive time restraints. Where passengers could be drafted and re-consigned to destinations with the least interruption and most efficient cost structure. A site that would be suited to service our major areas of population, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne , Tasmania, Adelaide, The Alice, and most major population areas.*

### *Topographical requirements...*

*A large, 50 km square flat area with low or nill residential populace. Within working distance of an existing city that could house the construction people. An area where hard rock could be quarried for road and runway reinforcing and concrete. An area where water would be available. Easy access to added value products, such as steel.*

### *Weather considerations...*

*Australia needs an environmentally neutral area, that is, near perfect today and perfect tomorrow, where fogs, storm, floods, haze and fire are not a problem. An area that would have the least operational disruption over most periods of time.*

### *Land availability, purchase...*

*Very reasonable, an authorized agent could buy an existing property, very reasonably priced, without causing a real estate land rush. The property would not be drawing down any food, productive lands, or residential preferred lands. Council access roads would not be clogged with, heavy building traffic, costs then drawn down, becoming cheaper.*

### *This may be the future...*

*There is a place in Australia that would be ideally suited to this usage, and it is in or around Broken Hill. Near Quondong to be precise. The space is there, with very few people to upset. Broken Hill itself could be used to house and support the construction period. Mine waste from the slag heaps of Broken Hill and Cobar could be railed to the construction site for sub ground stabilization and cement production.*

### *Structural...*

*Steel could be easily railed from the furnaces at Whyalla.*

### *Water...*

*Water is available from The Darling, pumping and pipeline are is situ, the weather's reliable to good... .. Providing the long awaited revitalization of the Darling Catchment and River went ahead as planned.*

*Railway, existing...*

*The trans railway line is already in existence it could form the northern border of the site, a spur line into the air town area could be used during construction and then the working life. From Mildura the existing line to Melbourne could be extended from Yelta for access to the south. That was in the original plans for the rail corridor.*

*Hard rock bedding...*

*Aggregate would be easily available from The Barrier Range, it would be transported to the site by rail for stabilization and concrete production.*

*An incentive to relocate...*

*Large air associated businesses could be given a parcel of land around the periphery of the site to set up their support industry. It would not matter if this land grant was given free under 30+ year lease.*

*The size of the site...*

*A parcel of land 10k square could be easily acquired for this purpose. Runways east west and north west, four each way, spaced 1k apart and 8-10ks long would be able to handle Australia's growth for the foreseeable future*

*Road access...*

*The existing Broken Hill – Menindee road could be the southern boundary with accommodation and car parking facilities. All non essential traffic within the site could be by internal transport system [bus].*

*A supporting city...*

*A support city could be grown and accommodated around the existing lakes area, which when there is the correct amount of water, an inland wonder is available to all.*

*Air Safety...*

*There is no major problem with air safety at this site.*

*A Peoples project, for the benefit of all Australians...*

*Projects such as this should remain in the ownership of the people and not handed out to a macfleecing firm.*

*Conclusion...*

*It is obvious that the time for integrated and federally suitable projects for the future of Australia are introduced above and beyond the mumbo jumbo of parochial state self gratification. I believe that we now have the right people to do something great for Australia, so pull the strings, push the levers.*

*P.S....*

*I have considerable thoughts on the matter, which in reality is the way Australia should move. I would be only to pleased to be of further assistance should you wish to peel the banana some more.*

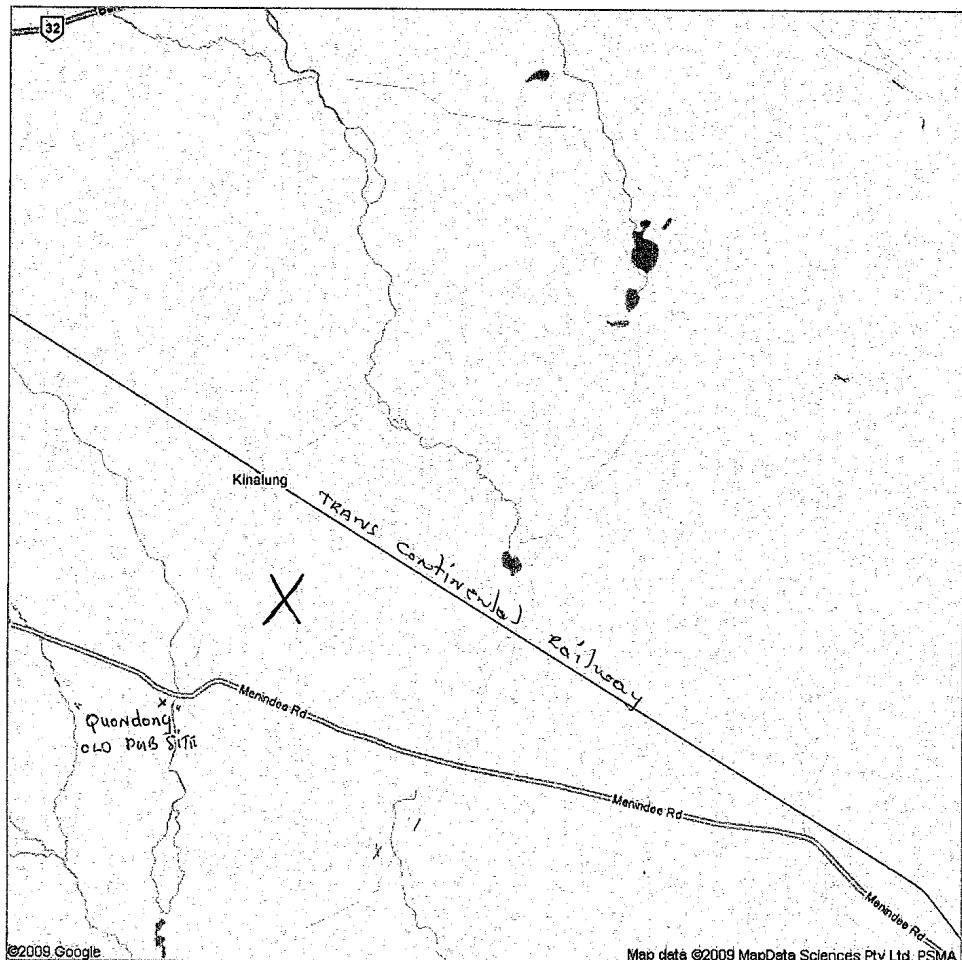
*Thank you for taking the time to read this, that's appreciated.*

*Sincerely R.W. "Joe" Murray*

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