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Name and address
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I / We hereby request:

1. That steps be taken to ensure that the living conditions of existing residents and/ or community participants are in no way lessened due to expansion of activities at an existing airport, or expansion of the airport - such activities to include the conduct of aircraft and other vehicles, or people, using the airport or flight paths.
2. We request that safeguard clauses be included in all legislation, regulations and other relevant documentation to ensure that existing residents and/or community participants do not suffer from diminished living conditions, from any source, due to expansion of an airport, activities conducted thereat, or aircraft or vehicles using the airport or flight tracks. We make this request based on negative experience due to local Councillors lacking knowledge about, or expertise in, aviation.
3. We request the establishment of an accountable and authoritative body (eg: board or committee) to which all applications for change in existing operations or structures at airports, and development applications, be sent before being forwarded to local Council for approval.
(eg: Introduction of increased jet services, changes in flight paths, extension of runways, application by a flight training school to set up operations, construction of workshops, etc.)
The foregoing to include publication of results and a clearly defined appeals timeline and process, available to the public.
4. We request that a checklist, flexible to allow addition to suit particular cases, be devised. The checklist would need to include all items that may be vexatious to existing residents - eg: a detailed breakdown of the residents/community participants within the affected area whether noise regulations would be met; environmental issues (eg: effects and dissipation of fumes) etc. We request that the 'affected area' should be no less than a six (6) kilometres radius around any airport, or further afield if effects can be proved (eg: by those living under or near flight paths) or are stipulated in literature based on professional research (eg: medical or aviation journals, or case studies); or recommended by respected entities such as The World Health Organization, medical practitioners, environmental scientists, etc. Should the checklisting process show that living conditions of existing residents/community participants are likely to be lessened, then the application would not be forwarded to the local Council.
5. We request that all airspace over land have clearly defined parameters within which aircraft must operate - eg: minimum altitude should suit population density.