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Dear Mr Taylor

Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement: Green Paper

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Aviation Paper, titled "National Aviation Policy Green Paper." Council officers have reviewed the Paper and I would be pleased if you would consider the following comments when preparing a National Aviation Policy Statement.

Council officers made a submission in response to the Issues Paper released in April 2008, which foreshadowed the release of the Green Paper (copy attached). The submission identified three elements of the Paper that have implications for Hornsby Shire, namely;

- * Aviation and climate change;
- * Aircraft noise; and
- * Use of private helicopters.

As stated in the previous submission, Council has a concern regarding its ability to regulate the use of helicopters by the occupants of dwellings as a means of transport to and from their residential premises in the rural areas of the Shire.

The issue of the use of private helicopters has not been addressed in the Green Paper. As such the previous comments made in relation to this issue are still applicable. Accordingly, I would like to reaffirm the previously stated recommendation that the Civil Aviation Laws be reviewed to place controls over the private use of a helicopter associated with a dwelling-house as part of the development of a National Aviation Policy Statement.

Should your office require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Luke Doran on 9847 6735.

Yours faithfully


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