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To: Aviation Statement  
Subject: Submission to "Towards A National Aviation Policy Statement"

The Blemings Family  
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Australia

Dear Sir/Madam,

We write by way of response to the call for public submissions to the "Towards A National Aviation Policy Statement".

Our family resides in the rural residential area, Carwoola, just outside Queanbeyan, NSW. This places us relatively close to Canberra Airport. We purchased our land in 2004 and have recently moved into a modest home on the property.

High on the list of reasons for moving to the area was a desire for a quieter existence than we had enjoyed in Canberra.

While we have the occasional aircraft overhead the noise is not too troubling due to it's relative infrequency. On the other hand, we are already woken each morning as the first flight out of a morning spools up for a takeoff to the north.

Thus we are troubled to learn of plans by the Canberra Airport to ramp up aircraft movements and deeply concerned at the stated long term aim to turn Canberra into a major, 24 hour, international freight hub.

Clearly such a change would greatly reduce the amenity of our land and, no doubt, it's value were we to sell it at some point in the future.

Further as Carwoola is a growing area, e.g. the Taliesin development which is expected to bring over 500 new people to the area, the impact of aircraft noise from expanded operations at Canberra will ruin a quiet existence for many more people than our family alone.

Thus we write to support calls for a curfew to be brought in at Canberra to restrict aircraft movements to the hours between 0600 and 2300h daily.

We would indeed go one step further and ask that rather than allow Canberra to grow in such a fashion, that a purpose designed alternative be found that will not have such an impact on the existing residents of Carwoola, Queanbeyan and Canberra as a whole.

Thankyou for your consideration of our submission,

Yours Sincerely,

Hugh & Lucy Blemings