

11 July 2008

Mr. Michael Taylor
Secretary
Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Local Government
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Dear Mr. Taylor

Supplementary Submission: *Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement*

I am writing further to Council's earlier submission dated 08 July 2008.

Council has now had the opportunity to peruse the submission made by the Bankstown Airport Limited (BAL).

Council strongly supports the economic development and employment potential of the Airport. Nevertheless, Council has significant concerns about any proposal to establish Bankstown Airport as regional passenger transport hub, and notes the suggestions in the submission by BAL that the Airport could absorb significant passenger aircraft movements from regional airports, such as Melbourne, and Canberra.

Council notes with concern that while, under the current Master Plan, the Airport has the approval to operate 12 RPT (regular passenger transport) movements per day - there is no curfew on the Airport - for either freight, passenger or general aviation aircraft.

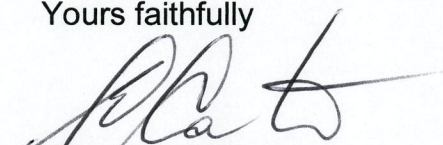
Council position is that:

- A curfew, which effectively prohibits all night time aircraft movements, operating in much the same way as is currently in place at Sydney Airport, should be introduced in Bankstown Airport.
- There should be no increase to the number of passenger aircraft movements permitted under the current Master Plan (12 movements per day)
- There should be no shift of regional airlines from Sydney KSA to Bankstown Airport

- Any changes to the current master plan or increase in passenger aircraft movements must not compromise the amenity, safety and security of the residents of Bankstown.

We hope that, in the process of developing the national aviation policy statement, the significant issues raised in Council's submissions will receive due consideration. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss any of the issues, Mr. Greg Brown, Council's Group Manager Strategy and Governance may be contacted on 02-9707 9526.

Yours faithfully



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