

15th August, 2008

The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 8602

Dear Minister,

Re enclosed Submission to the National Aviation Policy Review

I am a member of the Tyabb Ratepayers and am one of two ratepayer group representatives on the Tyabb Community Reference Group.

The reference group was formed by our local council to address issues surrounding operations at the local privately owned, unlicensed, unregulated and uncontrolled airfield. For several years we have sought to have some level of government control or authority at the airfield.

We have come to the conclusion that there is a regulatory void surrounding operations at these "smaller airfields" scattered throughout Australian communities.

There is a desperate need for a national approach to:

- draft a set of national enforceable standards relevant to operations at these uncontrolled airfields
- give protection to communities surrounding unlicensed / unregistered airfields
- ensure that operations at these airfields are regulated to the extent that affords local communities the same environmental, safety and amenity protection to those extended to communities surrounding licensed/registered airfields.

I therefore fully support the points raised in the ratepayers submission and trust that they will assist the panel in its deliberations.

Yours Faithfully



Peter Davis