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21 August 2008

The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP
Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and
Local Government
GPO Box 594
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Dear Minister,

National Aviation Policy Statement Review

The Mornington Peninsula Shire has developed an interest in the National Aviation Policy review through the Shire's role in seeking to resolve amenity issues arising from the Tyabb Airfield in Tyabb, Victoria.

The major concerns of local residents relate to:

1. Noise from aircraft that do not comply with current noise emission standards and aircraft to which no standards apply;
2. Noise from the operations of the airfield at night, particularly late night circuits;
3. Noise from the increasing intensity of use of the airfield, particularly on weekends; and
4. Safety concerns arising from the perception that some pilots were flying at inappropriately low levels.

The Shire worked closely with the local residents and the Peninsula Aero Club, owners of the Tyabb Airfield, to develop a Fly Neighbourly Agreement but were unable to get a consensus position. The Peninsula Aero Club adopted a Fly Neighbourly Advice and pressed their members to comply with the conditions, which has improved the situation. The concern still held is that compliance is voluntary.

The Shire has also worked with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, EPA Victoria and Airservices Australia to identify controls that could be used to reduce the loss of local amenity. No satisfactory controls were identified.

A Community Reference Group has been convened to continue to work through the problems, however there is no scope for direct action as the legislation, notably the *Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise) Regulations 1984*, either allow the use of aircraft that do not comply with noise standards or provide no direct control to address our local concerns.

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The Tyabb and District Ratepayers Association has approached the Shire and asked that their submission be forwarded to the review process. Please find enclosed their document for your consideration as well as the report to Council of 18 December 2006 detailing the process and findings the Shire has made to date.

Please contact Mr John Rankine, Manager Corporate Planning and Development, on (03) 5950 1205 if you would like any further information.

Yours faithfully



(Dr) Michael Kennedy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER