

Council Reference: Airports - General; Airports - Coolangatta/Tweed



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for consideration  
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*25/11*  
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Dear Sir

### **National Airports Safeguarding Framework**

Council would like to make a formal submission into the National Airports Safeguarding Framework (NASF) Implementation review which is currently underway.

Firstly, Council commends the Department on its initiative with the Framework and particularly in keeping the Framework relevant through the review procedure.

The Tweed Shire immediately adjoins the Gold Coast Airport. As a result of this Council is acutely aware of the issues that can arise from such an interface.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment are the responsible agency to oversee local government authorities implement the NASF into local planning policies in New South Wales.

Council considers it is critical that the NSW Government continue to remain the key authority in the implementation of the NASF. However it is essential that the NASF be articulated in a more prescriptive format that is consistent across all states. As the Federal Government is a signatory to the Convention on International Civil Aviation it has the power to develop prescriptive land use policies under the constitution.

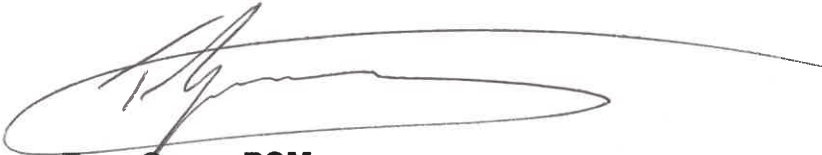
Another area of inconsistency across states is the interpretation and establishment of safety areas immediately surrounding smaller aerodromes and aircraft landing areas (ALAs). For example the planning requirements identified in Queensland for Public Safety Zones at the end of runways has no equivalency in New South Wales.

Council owns and operates a small general aviation airstrip ALA (YMUR) in the township of Murwillumbah. It is immediately surrounded by an industrial area. Encroaching development has required the introduction of a displaced threshold which has effectively reduced the length of the runway.

There are no provisions in the standard state planning policies to ensure that the integrity of the airfield is maintained.

Council would again like to take this opportunity to thank the Federal Government for the opportunity to provide these comments to the review.

Yours faithfully



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**GENERAL MANAGER**