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General Manager
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Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development
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Dear General Manager,

SUBMISSION – REVIEW OF FUTURE AIRPORTS SAFEGUARDING FRAMEWORK

Thank you for providing an opportunity to make a submission on the review of the National Safeguarding Framework (NASF). Wollondilly Council is located approximately 11 kilometres from the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport, and we see this framework providing critically important measures for the safe and efficient operation of the airport, and importantly, guidance for land uses within our Shire.

We have reviewed the existing framework in the context of the development of the new airport and provide the following comments:

There is an opportunity for State government to better implement the framework through its policies for all relevant land, rather than on an LGA by LGA led basis. This would ensure a consistent application of the controls and planning outcomes.

Following are some specific comments on Guideline C and E:

Guideline C: Managing the Risk of Wildlife Strikes in Vicinity of Airports – Attachment 1 – Wildlife Attraction Risk and Actions Land Use.

The majority of the agricultural and agri-business precincts will be located within three kilometres of the new airport. As such, it is recommended that a review be undertaken of the current land use matrix to include intensive, industrialised, high tech and emerging agriculture practices.

Warragamba, Silverdale and surrounding areas have a number of existing agriculture land uses including but not limited to cattle farms, poultry farms, market gardens, parks, rifle/shooting range and sporting fields that will have to be mitigated or monitored in accordance with this matrix and overarching guideline.

Guideline E: Managing the Risk of Distraction to Pilots from Lighting in the Vicinity of Airports.

Further consideration of glare sources should be considered including glare resulting from greenhouses and housing. Recommendations on mitigation through placement, orientation and materials would be appropriate.

Sensitive land uses

There are a number of possibly sensitive land uses in Wollondilly within the vicinity of the aerotropolis including the Silverdale Rifle Range located at 395 Avoca Road, Silverdale. The inclusion of provisions for best practice management of existing sensitive land uses and assessment of proposed uses in the vicinity of an airport would be beneficial to local government.

If you have any queries regarding this letter please contact Stephen Gardiner, Manager Sustainable Growth on phone (02) 4677 9624 or alternatively by email stephen.gardiner@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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