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Canberra Airport Parallel Runway

I refer to previous communications between your Department and Canberra Airport about a parallel runway at Canberra Airport.

In 2009, following refusal of the *Canberra Airport 2008 Draft Master Plan* by the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, then Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Canberra Airport released a revised preliminary draft 2009 master plan. In response to advice from staff in the Aviation and Airports Division we included greater detail in the revised version about foreshadowed airport development, including a map illustrating the position of the future parallel runway. I have enclosed this map for your information.

Following concern expressed by the Queanbeyan City Council and the Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM, MP, Member for Eden-Monaro, we removed the future parallel runway concept from the attached map, and this version was then approved by Minister Albanese. However removal of this detail from the Canberra Airport master plan did not alter our expectation that a parallel runway will be required or waive our obligation to plan for and meet the needs of future aviation users in the Canberra region.

Our air traffic projections have consistently outlined the need for a parallel runway system at Canberra Airport outside the 20 year planning period, though by around 2050 to 2060. Considering Sydney Airport congestion, the refusal of all sides of politics to accept Badgerys Creek, and troublesome alternative airport sites, I expect as the only unconstrained airport in NSW, Canberra Airport will have an increasingly important role in providing aviation capacity to the Sydney region. Sydney aviation will accelerate Canberra Airport demand projections and bring forward the need for a parallel runway.

I am committed to clearly outlining the parallel runway as a firm long term project in our 2014 master plan and it is important that by 2020 agreement is reached with the Department of Defence for the necessary land acquisitions.

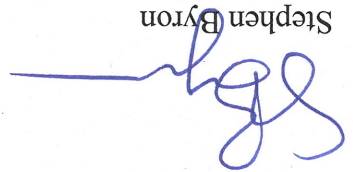


I seek your general support for a parallel runway at Canberra Airport, and of our intention to commence negotiations with the Department of Defence for acquisition of land following the 2014 master plan.

On a related matter my recollection is a 2005 URS report into aviation infrastructure at Canberra Airport, commissioned by the Department, suggested our runway system would reach capacity before 2050. While I was made aware of this report, a review of our files suggests we did not receive a copy. Could you please forward me a copy of the 2005 URS report into Canberra Airport.

I look forward to working with you in planning for the aviation needs of Canberra and the south-east region of NSW.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Byron
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POSSIBLE FUTURE RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY DEVELOPMENT, NAVIGATION AIDS AND LIGHTING

The map illustrates the proposed future development of the Perth Airport, including Runway 17, Taxiway A, Taxiway B, Taxiway C, Taxiway D, Taxiway E, Taxiway F, Taxiway G, Taxiway H, Taxiway I, Taxiway J, Taxiway K, Taxiway L, Taxiway M, Taxiway N, Taxiway O, Taxiway P, Taxiway Q, Taxiway R, Taxiway S, Taxiway T, Taxiway U, Taxiway V, Taxiway W, Taxiway X, Taxiway Y, Taxiway Z, Taxiway AA, Taxiway AB, Taxiway AC, Taxiway AD, Taxiway AE, Taxiway AF, Taxiway AG, Taxiway AH, Taxiway AI, Taxiway AJ, Taxiway AK, Taxiway AL, Taxiway AM, Taxiway AN, Taxiway AO, Taxiway AP, Taxiway AQ, Taxiway AR, Taxiway AS, Taxiway AT, Taxiway AU, Taxiway AV, Taxiway AW, Taxiway AX, Taxiway AY, Taxiway AZ, Taxiway BA, Taxiway BB, Taxiway BC, Taxiway BD, Taxiway BE, Taxiway BF, Taxiway BG, Taxiway BH, Taxiway BI, Taxiway BJ, Taxiway BK, Taxiway BL, Taxiway BM, Taxiway BN, Taxiway BO, Taxiway BP, Taxiway BQ, Taxiway BR, Taxiway BS, Taxiway BT, Taxiway BU, Taxiway BV, Taxiway BW, Taxiway BX, Taxiway BY, Taxiway BZ, Taxiway CA, Taxiway CB, Taxiway CC, Taxiway CD, Taxiway CE, Taxiway CF, Taxiway CG, Taxiway CH, Taxiway CI, Taxiway CJ, Taxiway CK, Taxiway CL, Taxiway CM, Taxiway CN, Taxiway CO, Taxiway CP, Taxiway CQ, Taxiway CR, Taxiway CS, Taxiway CT, Taxiway CU, Taxiway CV, Taxiway CW, Taxiway CX, Taxiway CY, Taxiway CZ, Taxiway DA, Taxiway DB, Taxiway DC, Taxiway DD, Taxiway DE, Taxiway DF, Taxiway DG, Taxiway DH, Taxiway DI, Taxiway DJ, Taxiway DK, Taxiway DL, Taxiway DM, Taxiway DN, Taxiway DO, Taxiway DP, Taxiway DQ, Taxiway DR, Taxiway DS, Taxiway DT, Taxiway DU, Taxiway DV, Taxiway DW, Taxiway DX, Taxiway DY, Taxiway DZ, Taxiway EA, Taxiway EB, Taxiway EC, Taxiway ED, Taxiway EE, Taxiway EF, Taxiway EG, Taxiway EH, Taxiway EI, Taxiway EJ, Taxiway EK, Taxiway EL, Taxiway EM, Taxiway EN, Taxiway EO, Taxiway EP, Taxiway EQ, Taxiway ER, Taxiway ES, Taxiway ET, Taxiway EU, Taxiway EV, Taxiway EW, Taxiway EX, Taxiway EY, Taxiway EZ, Taxiway FA, Taxiway FB, Taxiway FC, Taxiway FD, Taxiway FE, Taxiway FF, Taxiway FG, Taxiway FH, Taxiway FI, Taxiway FJ, Taxiway FK, Taxiway FL, Taxiway FM, Taxiway FN, Taxiway FO, Taxiway FP, Taxiway FQ, Taxiway FR, Taxiway FS, Taxiway FT, Taxiway FU, Taxiway FV, Taxiway FW, Taxiway FX, Taxiway FY, Taxiway FZ, Taxiway GA, Taxiway GB, Taxiway GC, Taxiway GD, Taxiway GE, Taxiway GF, Taxiway GG, Taxiway GH, Taxiway GI, Taxiway GJ, Taxiway GK, Taxiway GL, Taxiway GM, Taxiway GN, Taxiway GO, Taxiway GP, Taxiway GQ, Taxiway GR, Taxiway GS, Taxiway GT, Taxiway GU, Taxiway GV, Taxiway GW, Taxiway GX, Taxiway GY, Taxiway GZ, Taxiway HA, Taxiway HB, Taxiway HC, Taxiway HD, Taxiway HE, Taxiway HF, Taxiway HG, Taxiway HH, Taxiway HI, Taxiway HJ, Taxiway HK, Taxiway HL, Taxiway HM, Taxiway HN, Taxiway HO, Taxiway HP, Taxiway HQ, Taxiway HR, Taxiway HS, Taxiway HT, Taxiway HU, Taxiway HV, Taxiway HW, Taxiway HX, Taxiway HY, Taxiway HZ, Taxiway IA, Taxiway IB, Taxiway IC, Taxiway ID, Taxiway IE, Taxiway IF, Taxiway IG, Taxiway IH, Taxiway II, Taxiway IJ, Taxiway IK, Taxiway IL, Taxiway IM, Taxiway IN, Taxiway IO, Taxiway IP, Taxiway IQ, Taxiway IR, Taxiway IS, Taxiway IT, Taxiway IU, Taxiway IV, Taxiway IW, Taxiway IX, Taxiway IY, Taxiway IZ, Taxiway JA

