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Submission: Submission by Peter Hobson of 260 Dobell Drive, Wangi Wangi, NSW 2267 regarding the review of the the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996. I have, and continue to be a member of the Central Coast Aero Club for over 35 years, which operate out of the Aerodrome at Warnervale, the subject of the the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996, and regularly fly at that aerodrome. The Aero Club and it's associated Flying Training School, Warnervale Air, have always had a fly neighbourly policy, which has been very effective in minimising the effect that aircraft noise in the nearby areas. All Pilots who fly under the auspices of the above mentioned organisations know and understand the importance of being a good neighbour in the area. Most, if not all itinerant Pilots flying in to Warnervale would also be aware of noise sensitivities. Although I cannot point to any documentation regarding noise complaints, through my regular activities at the Aero Club including a period on the Board of the Aero Club, I am of the opinion that there are very few genuine complaints made to the Aero Club regarding noise. I am aware that some repeated complaints are coming from a small number of individuals who are very anti aerodrome in any shape or form. There is a small, but vocal group agitating to sway local opinion to have the Act remain as is. They appear to have gained some traction in the community, but their argument is heavily based on mis-information. An example of this can be found at this web address <https://centralcoastairportresistancegroup.com/map> a copy of which they have distributed by letter box drop in the local area, including claims on the reverse side of the document that if the Act is not kept as is, residents will be subject to heavy jet aircraft operations. Nothing could be further from the truth of the matter. There is no information on this map as to what the contours represent, and I can only assume it is an ANEF (Australian Noise Exposure Forecast). If that is the case, the maximum noise contour shown is 30, which I understand, from an Every day noise scale in dB(A), is at the top of the range of a quiet bedroom, and the bottom of the range of a whisper. From personal discussions with people that do live at Warnervale and it's surrounds, I haven't come across anyone who feels that that the existence of the Aerodrome impedes their lifestyle in any way. They often say that they are more aware of noise coming from the Nearby M1 motorway and the main Northern railway line. The Aero Club and consequently Warnervale Air, have publicly stated on numerous occasions that they simply want to continue their operations as they have always done in harmony with the local community. They do not want the introduction of heavy jet aircraft to the Aerodrome and they want to maintain the integrity of the Porter's Creek wetlands area. And as such do not want to see the runway extended beyond it's current length (which would have to encroach on the wet lands area and extension to the North is not practicable due to a major Road and rising terrain). I therefore submit that the review recommend to the Minister that the Act be repealed, as it holds little relevance today. There is no point in having heavy Jet operations in this area, as they are well served by the Newcastle and Sydney airports, and even more so when Sydney's second airport at Badger's Creek is

constructed. If the review concludes that the Act should remain, I submit that the recommendation to the Minister should be that the Act be Amended to allow the unfettered operation of aircraft up 5,700 kg maximum take-off weight, allowing the Aero Cub and Warnervale Air to continue to operate as they have done for the last 47 years, operating in harmony with our neighbours as a vital piece of infrastructure for the Central Coast.

URL: <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/review-warnervale-airport-restrictions-act-1996>