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10th February 2020

By Email

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am responding to the request for submissions concerning the review of the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996 ('WAR Act'). I am a commercial pilot with over 25 years of industry experience - Currently employed as a senior Captain with an international airline flying Boeing aircraft all over the world. Since commencing flight training in 1993 I've been a regular user of Warnervale airport. In recent years my use has been associated with owning and operating light aircraft. At present my aircraft are inconveniently hangared and maintained some 2.5 hours drive from the Central Coast - in Mittagong. A direct result of the severe shortage of hangar space and flight restrictions at Warnervale. I'm hopeful this review will result in repealing the Act and associated restrictions allowing me to base, and maintain my aircraft at Warnervale - providing income for the airport operator and financial support/employment for the local community.

I believe the Act addresses a problem that does not exist. Residence concerns over 'jet aircraft' operations are unfounded. In my expert opinion, there is no way an airline could, or would want to operate from Warnervale. Its length, width, approach obstacles, navigation aids and proximity to Sydney and Williamtown (Newcastle) make it operationally and commercially unviable. Why would an airline want to operate from a tiny little airport with very few facilities when there are four international standard airports within one hour's drive? (Sydney, Badgerys Creek (under construction) Richmond and Williamtown). Comparable local airports such as Cessnock and Maitland have runways that are significantly longer, wider and better equipped but have no such Act restricting operations. In fact, no other airport in Australia has an equivalent Act. The WAR Act only serves to threaten the commercial viability of existing operators flying light aircraft.

Warnervale airport is an important infrastructure asset for the 340000 residents of the Central Coast. Many of whom benefit from the critical role it plays in emergency service provision - clearly demonstrated during recent fire fighting efforts. Significant investments in flight training, hangars, aircraft maintenance and, re-fuel facilities with their associated local employment are being stifled by this unnecessary Act. Repealing the WAR Act is a necessary and financially responsible action to ensure the local community and existing operators can have clarity and confidence in their airport's future.

Yours faithfully,



Captain Ben White