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The Director
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Dear Director,

This email is regarding the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996 review currently being conducted.

The statement below represents my personal opinion pertaining to the act review:

I work with an organisation called the Australian Air League and we currently use Warnervale Airport as our meeting location. There are currently 48 youth members who live on the central coast who attend the airport every week for educational classes on aviation. It's our home, it's their home for their passion (aviation). We cannot have the act altered in a way that could restrict the Aeroclub from operating as this may cause us to lose our home.

There is overwhelming community support for Warnervale Airfield and its Aeroclub to train young pilots to fill the coming worldwide shortage. There are little opportunities left in general aviation, we must preserve the ability to train new pilots.

In addition to my personal comments above I also agree and support with the common points stated below in answering the question of 'Does the act remain relevant and necessary'.

- This act is a unique piece of legislation in that no other Airport or Aerodrome facility within Australia is restricted in this way. There is nothing special about Warnervale.

- The act was hastily drafted and enacted legislation to address a concern at the time a 24-hour freight airport with Jumbo Jets would be established at Warnervale
- The act doesn't make a distinction between Jets and small General Aviation aircraft like those that currently operate at Warnervale.
- The concerns of Warnervale becoming a Jet airport no longer exist, there is no desire to expand the airport beyond the boundaries that it currently has.
- The runway at Warnervale cannot and will not be able to accommodate Jet aircraft
- The enforcement of the 88-movement cap without distinction in the type of aircraft that currently operate at Warnervale will have detrimental impacts to the operators of the airport.
- The current flight training operators at Warnervale have been operating in harmony with the community for over 47 years and have worked within the Act when the 88-movements weren't being enforced, through no fault of the current operators at Warnervale.
- Warnervale is the only piece of aviation infrastructure for the Central Coast and provides flight training for the Central Coast community, a home to the Australian Air League, and important port of call for RFS, medical and other emergency services and charity fun days for the Coast's sick and underprivileged children.
- If the act is to remain then amend the 88 movement cap within the act to be applicable only to aircraft above 5700kg that will ensure that Jet's will never be a part of Warnervale and the movement cap will not hinder or adversely affect the smaller general aviation aircraft that have worked harmoniously within the Central Coast community for over 47 years.

I thank you for taking the time to consider this submission.

Kind Regards

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