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Review of the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996

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The Director
Central Coast and Hunter Region
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
PO Box 1148
GOSFORD NSW 2250
Dear Sir / Madam,

Submission to Retain the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996

I am very concerned about any changes to the current legislation covering the operation of Warnervale Airport.

Changes to the Act or expansion of the Warnervale Airport are likely to impact our area significantly. We experienced a huge decline in quality of life from the aircraft and parachutists some years ago.

Ourimbah Creek Valley is a peaceful and rural area with wildlife sanctuaries, environmentally sensitive area and wildlife corridors. Farmers also have livestock.

I moved here to escape aircraft noise in the inner city.

I have personally experienced the horror of loss of quality of life due to aircraft noise in our area through thoughtless aircraft activity.

The valley acts as an amphitheater in places naturally amplifying sound. Helicopter and ultralight vibrations can be extremely invasive. The noise can be deafening with vibrations felt through out the house depending on their proximity.

A parent with an autistic child in the area was so disturbed by a microlight and helicopter noise that the microlight pilot altered his flight path to then disturb me.

Some years ago aircraft noise became unbearable due to parachutists from Somersby and later Warnervale. The aircraft noise impacted numerous people and businesses in the valley greatly upsetting our community.

A neighbour experienced harassment from helicopter lights and noise. I have seen the windows shaking from helicopters.

Noise seems to build up in the area near my home. If the Ultralight circles and revs its engine the sound is unbearable. I think the noise and vibration build up due to the shape of the valley and the rocks. I had to leave my home due to aircraft noise in the past particularly during the parachutist saga.

The Forest of Tranquility was also impacted by the increased aircraft activity. This is a place offering peace and tranquility and used for wellbeing. It could be seriously impacted by the proposal to increase aircraft activity in our area.

Microlight noise is already a concern. We already have some aircraft noise so I can realistically imagine how increased traffic could impact us. I don't think we need any more noise pollution.

The potential impact on businesses based on tranquility, neighbour's quality of life, bird life and livestock is a real concern. I have witnessed the impact on black cockatoos from the microlight. I would like to see the amenity of our area protected for the future and future generations.

I wish to express my concern and objection to the proposal to extend flight paths over our rural area. The wildlife corridors and animal sanctuaries require protection.

The world is continually getting noisier and we need to preserve some quiet space for human beings. People come to Ourimbah for respite and to escape the noise.

I am really concerned that an expansion of Warnervale Airport will increase aircraft noise and intrude into our quality of life. The terrible noise we experienced previously nearly drove me insane and caused a lot of personal distress.

The people and politicians who wish to extend the size and use of the airport probably don't live near the flight path and probably don't appreciate the special qualities of our area. The Central Coast is well serviced with airports in Sydney and Newcastle.

Please record my concerns and strong objection to any changes to the current Act.

Yours Sincerely,

Karen Clarke
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