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To The Western Sydney Planning Partnership,

I am a resident of the Blue Mountains and am extremely concerned about the noise that will be generated from more aircraft activity in the area. I note that it is extremely difficult for residents to comment with certainty on this proposal having had no access to the proposed flight paths - a substantial failing of this proposal. So I will have to assume that flight are planned to go over the Blue Mountains and will respond to this proposal with that assumption in mind.

I strongly object to the proposed 24/7 operation of this airport. There must be a curfew imposed - as with the Kingsford Smith Airport. The Western Sydney Airport must be closed between 11 pm and 6 am. It is simply unreasonable and unfair to inflict 24/7 aircraft noise to only one area of Sydney. While the residents in the North, Inner City, Inner West and Eastern Suburbs can sleep peacefully at night, residents in the West, South West and the Blue Mountains will be subjected to constant and intolerable levels of noise 24/7.

The location of this airport means that aircraft will be taking off and landing over residential areas. Unlike Sydney airport where approximately 50% of flights are out over the water - a far superior noise abatement plan. To inflict the residents of the West to not only more flights - both take-offs and landings PLUS 24/7 operation is untenable. I therefore strongly object to the location of this airport. The No-Fly Zone over the Richmond RAAF Area reduces the possible Flight Paths available from the proposed Western Sydney Airport, forcing Flight Paths over residential areas.

I note that the RAAF have a curfew policy wherever possible, of not flying between 11 pm and 7 am. If this airport is a fait accompli, it can only proceed on the basis that it operates with a curfew. Fuel dumping over our beautiful Blue Mountains and residential areas is of equal concern to me. The Blue Mountains again is a pristine environment, home to many endangered and vulnerable flora and fauna and fuel dumping poses a real threat to birdlife, animals and plants.

There has been a marked increase in air traffic over the Blue Mountains in recent times from Kingsford Smith and it is becoming extremely noisy. Flights go directly over my home regularly. I do not want this on a 24/7 basis. I recently took a reading of a passenger flight going over my home in Wentworth Falls. We are living at an altitude of 2844 feet. The reading was 75 decibels, taken from within my double brick home, built to bal 40 building code. It is outrageous that I should be subjected to that level of noise at 11 pm at night. And your proposal is that I will listen to that all night! Every Day! And even louder! No thank you.

As the Blue Mountains sits within a World Heritage-listed National Park, the area has become one of Australia's top tourist destinations. Western Sydney Airport Flight paths must avoid this area or the increased noise from aircraft in such a sensitive environment, will risk losing our World Heritage status, thereby damaging the economy and livelihoods in the Greater Blue Mountains region.

Yours, Joanne Day