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To whom it may concern,

It has recently been brought to my attention that the next phase of planning for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis is underway with community consultation.

I represent the Western Sydney electorate of Reid, which falls outside of the Aerotropolis planning area. However, I wish to raise some suggestions on behalf of the bipartisan Homelessness Roundtable I attend in Reid, which may be worthy of consideration in these early stages of planning.

Western Sydney is experiencing a decline in affordable and secure housing. This is resulting in a rise of those experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Research is showing that it is often those on low to moderate incomes who are renting that are at greater risk of becoming homeless.

Recent reports have indicated that women over 55 years are one of the fastest growing homeless demographics in Australia. I have visited a secure housing location in Strathfield run by The Women's Housing Company, a not-for-profit community housing provider for women who offer one of the many innovative solutions that address housing security.

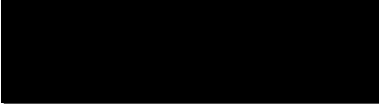
While a mix of affordable and social housing has been an asset to our community in addressing these issues, the significant overdevelopment of our electorate has made it difficult to find sites that can offer these necessary housing options.

It is my understanding that the Western Sydney Aerotropolis will be developed on the 11,200-hectare site surrounding the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport. Sydney's first 24/7 international airport will generate rich opportunities for community development, industry and urban planning. The development creates an opportunity to factor in affordable housing options from the outset for truly positive community results.

For this reason, the members of our local Homelessness Roundtable would encourage you to explore innovative ways in which to include affordable housing into the housing sector.

I wish you all the very best as you proceed with the development of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

Sincerely,



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