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10 July 2016

To:

Mr. Ian Reynolds
Administrator Appointed - Central Coast Council
Wyong / Gosford Council Chambers

Mr. Rob Noble
Interim Chief Executive Officer - Central Coast Council
Wyong / Gosford Council Chambers

Re: Warnervale Airport and Council's consideration of future operational changes

Dear Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Noble,

Our attention has been drawn by members of the Warnervale community to an item forming part of a review of the operational planning currently being undertaken by Council, namely Reference No 7-006-16; "Complete a master-plan for the incremental development of Warnervale Airport initially based on general aviation uses followed by passenger services by December 2016" and Reference Nos. PED.024 "Stage 1 development of Warnervale Airport Western precinct - source: General Revenue - \$ 3.0m" and PED.025 "Acquisition of Eastern land for the development of Warnervale Airport - source: General Revenue - \$ 3.0m".

We understand that Council's formal public consultation process in association with operational planning is now closed.

However, in view of the controls effected by the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996 (NSW No 57, 1996), currently being under review by the Minister for Planning and Environment, I am writing to you to advise prudence in proceeding further with the planning conducted by the erstwhile Wyong Council and any associated expenditure or transactions.

I enclose (attach) a copy of the Act for your perusal and wish to draw your attention to provisions dealing with the permissible runway length (S 5, Para. 5), curfew (S 5, Para. 1), limit on take offs and landings (S 6, Para 1), Noise Study and consideration of Environmental Impact (S 12, Para 1-3) and Injunctions (S 13, Para 1-7).

As the Act further provides, the Minister is required to table his review in both Houses within a period of twelve months.

The relevant effect of this provision now is: the expansion of Warnervale Airport, as envisaged by the former Wyong Shire Council, cannot practically be considered until the ministerial review has been tabled and parliament has considered a response, if any.



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The Central Coast Greens therefore request that Central Coast Council withdraw the reference to the Warnervale Airport expansion from formal planning consideration in either operational, strategic, transport, economic, environmental or financial planning until this issue can be appropriately and legitimately considered by Council in consultation with the Warnervale community and other affected residents.

Financial resource provision for the total sum of \$ 6.0m currently allocated to the Warnervale Airport expansion should be re-allocated to other purposes within the geographic area of the former Wyong Shire Council.

The Central Coast Greens are well aware of the genesis of the airport expansion plans and the desire for a regional passenger airport facility, specifically under the aegis of former Wyong mayor Doug Eaton.

We contend that the planning and community consultation, as conducted by the former Wyong Shire Council on this project to date, has been less than thorough and always lacked the required rigour to enjoy any meaningful support at local, regional or any other level.

In the event that this Council resolves to proceed further with these airport expansion plans I can advise that the Central Coast Greens will continue to assist the community with their enquiries and concerns including but not limited to:

- requesting a copy of the draft master-plan for Warnervale Airport,
- requesting a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement,
- requesting a copy of the ANEF projections and mapping,
- requesting a copy of CASA certificates and NSW Airspace Control approvals,
- requesting a copy of the local traffic study,
- requesting a copy of the hazardous materials management plan,
- requesting a copy of the emergency management and -response plan,
- requesting a copy of the local heritage study,
- requesting a copy of any approval issued by the RFS commissioner.

I attach information issued by the Department of Planning and Environment as well as our submission to the ministerial review consultation process for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wolfgang Koerner, Secretary
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