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CANBERRA ACT 2600

I have just become aware that this enquiry was taking place.

I have attached copies of my latest letters to parties that had a responsibility to act to protect the "Flood Plain" to the Georges River, but allowed asbestos contaminated fill to be dumped covering 42 ha up to a height of 3m-4m over the area where the fire fighting exercises took place, it was well known that this site was contaminated as a result of the foam used.

The offending parties have been able to do this illegal "dumping" because they did not obtain an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), they had a "Private Certifier" issue an approval on Australian Government letterhead, this is not legal.

It would be appreciated if we could become a party to this enquiry and have it expanded to include Bankstown Aerodrome.

I along with a group of concerned operators as well as some residents along the Georges River who are affected by this contamination are prepared to go to Canberra to meet and discuss our concerns.

Please contact me on \_\_\_\_\_ to advise what we need to do next.

Yours faithfully,

Keith M. Campbell

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18<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Mr MATHEW STEWART  
GENERAL MANAGER  
BANKSTOWN CITY COUNCIL.  
66-72 RICKARD ROAD  
BANKSTOWN NSW 2200

**RE: BANKSTOWN AERODROME DESTRUCTION OF FLOOD PLAIN  
PLACEMENT OF CONTAMINATED FILL OVER CONTAMINATED LAND  
LAND CONTAMINATED BY FIRE DRILLS USING PFOS/PFOA/PFC's**

Dear Mr. Stewart,

Further to my earlier letters, the matter has now been raised in Senate Estimates, and it has been admitted that the Flood Plain has been filled with contaminated fill, containing among other things Asbestos and PFOS/PFOA/PFC's, which is now leaching into the Georges River and into the air, that the Senate is proposing a full Senate Enquiry, with the powers of a Royal Commission into all aspects into the operating of Bankstown Airport and its failure to comply with the law and the authorities entrusted with the responsibilities of protecting the area and prosecuting the breaches have failed to act.

The "Flood Plain" to the Georges River that is the subject of this letter is located at the corner of Milperra Road and Henry Lawson Drive. The Bankstown City Council (BCC) are the custodians of the "Flood Plain" which has been subject to, in part, to an 800 page report confirming this area was necessary for the management of flood waters, so as to protect the residents and their properties that are in flood prone areas and will now be more affected.

By way of background, this area of the "Flood Plain" is where the "Fire Services" carried out "Fire Drills" on a regular basis. In carrying out these exercises they used among other things fire suppressing foam containing PFOS/PFOA/PFC's and other carcinogenic contaminants.

The area covering about 42Ha has been filled so as to destroy the "Flood Plain" and cause a Dam effect upstream, this area was filled covering the only North South Runway in the Sydney Basin to allow a commercial development to take place.

The fill is approximately 3M to 4M high and it was admitted in a Senate Estimates hearing that the imported fill contained Asbestos, a class 1 carcinogen and it had not been remediated.

The destruction of the "Flood Plain" with contaminated fill over contaminated soil was carried out without an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as is required by law. This unremediated contaminated fill placed on a "Flood Plain" over already contaminated land, would not have happened

if the proper legal process had been followed. To have a "Private Certifier" issue an "approval" using an Australian Government letterhead is a flagrant breach of the law and it must have consequences.

A heavy fine, a jail sentence and orders to remove the fill, are what is required by law, but in this case a "blind eye is being turned to this illegal act.

The law is clear that no retrospective approval can be given.

Recent heavy rains have caused flooding requiring people to be rescued.

Could you please carry out the necessary investigations, to confirm what I have said is true and then take the appropriate actions.

The fill has not been legally approved, a Private Certifier does not have the authority to approve the destruction of a Flood Plain and the Act does not allow for a retrospective approval.

This land is governed by NSW Law is evidenced in Clause 30 in the Lease between Bankstown Airport Ltd and The Commonwealth of Australia commencing date 2 July 1998;

**Clause 30 GOVERNING LAW**

*This Lease is governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of New South Wales.*

I am available to meet with you if you think this would assist, as I have other documentation that may be of interest.

Yours Faithfully

Keith M. Campbell.

Attachments;

Good Weekend report (26/3/16) SMH.COM.AU/GOOD WEEKEND

CC.

Blacktown City Council

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Ombudsmans Office

Alan Jones

The Australian

Senator Bill Heffernan

Senator David Fawcett

Minister For Transport and Infrastructure



8 March 2015

Our Ref: Prop-11-4169

Mr Keith Campbell

KINGS LANGLEY NSW 2147

Dear Mr Campbell,

**Bankstown Aerodrome – Filling of Floodplain**

I refer to your letter dated 18 January 2016 regarding the deposition of unapproved contaminated fill on the Georges River Floodplain.

I understand Council staff have discussed your concerns with you in the past. As you are aware Council has no approval role and it is the Federal Government that undertake all regulatory functions in relation to the site.

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Despite this, Council has previously raised concerns about filling in the floodplain at Bankstown Airport. Council has provided several submissions to the Masterplan for the Site identifying concerns, including potential for off-Airport flooding implications.

After extensive negotiations, Bankstown Airport have agreed to work with Council on the development of a Flood Study and Floodplain Risk Management Plan. This plan will support Council in its quest to ensure flood impacts are managed as a result of any changes on airport land.

Please be assured that Council will continue to advocate for development of flood affected Airport Land in accordance with our local polices, which restrict filling in the floodplain and require no adverse off site impacts.

I hope that this letter alleviates some of your concerns about Councils role about any filling undertaken in Airport Land.

If you would like more information, please contact Councils Manager City Planning on

Yours sincerely,

Scott Pedder  
Director Planning and Environment



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6<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
Deputy Mayor Councillor Alan Winterbottom  
Bankstown City Council,  
66 – 72 Rickard Road,  
BANKSTOWN 2200

**Re: BANKSTOWN AERODROME AND THE DEPOSITING OF UNAPPROVED  
CONTAMINATED FILL ON THE LARGE RELIEF FLOOD PLAIN TO THE  
GEORGES RIVER**

Dear Deputy Mayor,

Further to my letters dated 9/8/14...25/8/14...11/11/14 to the former Mayor, the current Mayoress and the Deputy Mayor, to date I have had no acknowledgment or what action the Council proposes and this is by way of follow up.

It has now been confirmed in Senate Estimates that the fill on the Flood Plain to the Georges River contains, among other Asbestos Cement, the Bankstown City Council has a duty to protect the environment, approval to destroy a Flood Plain can not be given retrospectively, nor can it be given by a Private Certifier, the law is quite specific in this areas.

There is a process the Council should follow so that the law is complied with.

The asbestos contamination will leach into the Georges River and be dispersed into the air into the air to be breathed in by the residents and workers in the area, this illegal contaminated fill must be removed and the Flood Plain restored to its original state.

I have enclosed a highlighted copy of the Senate Estimates hearing and I am advise that the Senate plans to have a full Senate hearing with the powers of a Royal commission.

I am available for a face to face meeting with further information.

Yours faithfully,

Keith M Campbell

CC Deputy Mayor Alan Winterbottom.  
The Hon Rob Stokes Minister for The Environment.  
Senator Heffernan.  
Senator Fawcett.  
Mr. Mark Wasley EPA

# \$161 million development plans for Bankstown Airport

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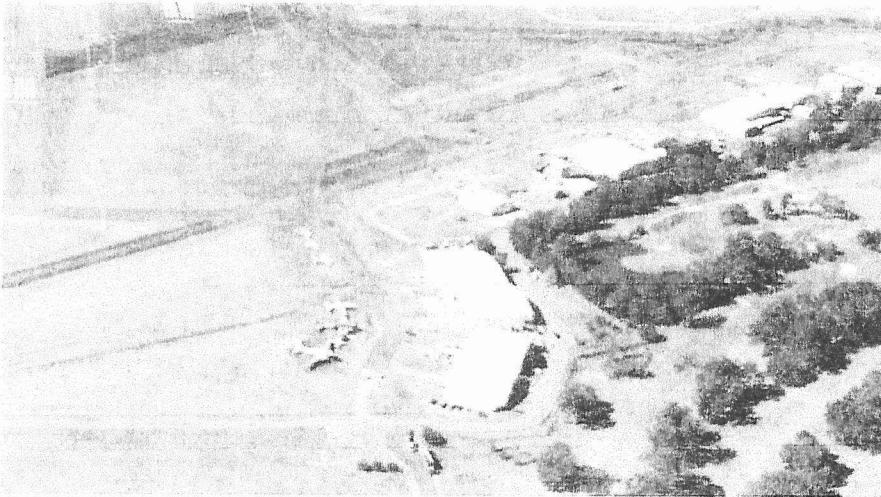
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Bankstown Airport

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A 41-hectare slice of Bankstown Airport would be transformed into a "business park and family leisure destination", under a \$161 million proposal that could herald a wave of redevelopment at the site.

With the state government considering new transport links to the area, a company owned by billionaire property investor Bob Ell is teaming up with the airport to put forward a plan for what they are calling the "Bankstown Business Estate".



Site of Bankstown Airport site

The proposal is to redevelop the parcel of non-aviation land on the south-west precinct of the airport for bulky goods retail, a factory outlet and restaurants, along with a business park. It would include more than 3000 car spaces.

Mr Ell's Leda Holdings took over the area in 2013 after the Bankstown Airport Corporation development company, known as BAC Devco, went into

receivership before it could complete its own plans for the site.

"Leda views this as an exciting project that will deliver one of the largest employment opportunities for the south-western region of Sydney," said Mr Ell's son Robert, the company's managing director.

The plan's release comes two months after Bankstown and Camden airports were quietly put on the market by the Commonwealth site's main leaseholder, a consortium comprising AustralianSuper, Mirvac and Colonial First State.

About six parties are still in the running for the two sites, which have price expectations of more than \$200 million.

"We're in the second round of the EOI at the moment," said Gavin Bishop of Colliers International, who added the sale had no bearing on Leda's plans.

"I think what Leda are doing is going to complement the balance of the airport anyway."

And more development could follow. A new masterplan, approved in January by Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Warren Truss, earmarks up to 130 hectares of the airport's land for "non-aviation" purposes.

The NSW government, meanwhile, is leaving open the question of what it should do to the area's transport links. Transport for NSW plans to convert the existing Bankstown Line to Bankstown station to a new "metro-style" rail service linking through the city.

But it has never explained what it wants to do to rail stations further west of Bankstown on the Bankstown Line. Transport academic Garry Glazebrook has suggested extending the metro line west directly to Liverpool on a new line through Bankstown Airport. Liverpool Council is also pushing for an extension of the metro.

Transport Minister Andrew Constance on Tuesday suggested plans remain up in the air, saying the new metro line "will be an enabling line which will see further opportunities for expansion ... including potentially to Liverpool onto Badgerys Creek".

Redevelopment of the airport already appears to have won the support of opposition leader Luke Foley, who last month told parliament that it could be a major employment zone "with the right planning, investment and infrastructure".

"It is easy to imagine Bankstown as the next Macquarie Park or Norwest Business Park, full of tens of thousands of high-wage jobs and providing employment opportunities for local people in Sydney's south and west," Mr Foley said.

But the south-west corner of the airport also come to the attention of Senate Estimates, which in February raised questions about fill previously used to build up the site.

Committee chair and Liberal Senator Bill Heffernan told Infrastructure and Regional Development staff that this work had destroyed a natural flood plain and would have a "serious impact" on nearby areas.

"You have a problem, boys," Senate Heffernan said.

The department's written responses state Bankstown Council had raised concerns in the past about the airport's flood management, but the two parties had since worked together, including on a joint flood management study.

Robert Ell said: "The advice that we have been given by our consultants is that the site is fit for use for its intended purpose".

The council's general manager Matthew Stewart said it welcomed new job generating opportunities but would be making a submission to the plans.

"We would expect any development proposed for this land to be in line with the use and operations of Bankstown Airport; be supported by suitable infrastructure and transport links; and to be consistent with planning controls across our city and the Mid Georges River Flood Risk Management Plan," Mr Stewart said.

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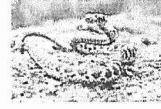
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**Director Planning and Environment**

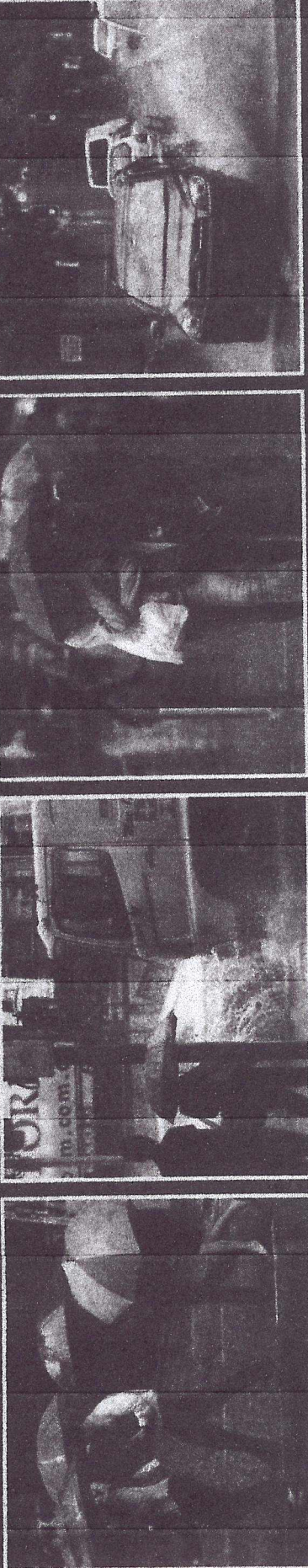


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Cars attempt to navigate flash flooding in Moore Park and elsewhere in the city as pedestrians duck for cover. Pictures: Brett Costello, Cameron Richardson and Adam Taylor



**IAN WALKER**

A MAN was swept to his death and three people were injured by lightning as a wild storm swept across Sydney yesterday, causing flash-flooding and traffic chaos.

The 43-year-old worker at the SITA Lucas Heights Waste Management and Recycling Centre drowned after he was washed down a storm-water drain he was trying to unblock about 3.15pm.

Superintendent Julian Griffiths said an investigation was under way into the cir-

cumstance of the tragic accident. "We have been told they were working on an area known as 'the top yard' at the site and there was a heavy downpour," he said. "It appears they may have tried to free some sort of a drain on the site but that still has to be confirmed. "Our thoughts and condolences are with the employee's family," a SITA spokesman said, adding the company was providing counselling to employees. The storm hit the CBD at about 2pm, dropping about 20mm of rain — with forecasters predicting more of the same today. In other incidents, a man using a jackhammer in Cronulla was one of three people hit by lightning. He suffered blurred vision

	TODAY	TOMORROW	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Min	20	20	21	20	20	20	20
Max	24	25	24	25	26	26	26
Weather	Storm, a few showers	A few showers	A few showers	A few showers	Possible shower	Possible shower	Possible shower

and an increased heart rate, paramedics said. A 19-year-old man was left unconscious and a woman suffered pain in her legs after a pool of water they were standing in was struck by lightning on Dransfield Ave, Mascot, about 2.10pm. The trio were treated for their injuries in hospital before being released. The SES attended 60 call-outs, including two rescues as a result of flash flooding — one at Ashford Ave, Milperra and one on Bexley Rd, Canterbury. A police spokeswoman

said another driver was trapped in a car surrounded by water on Nancy Ellis Leebold Drive, Milperra, and needed rescuing. An SES spokeswoman said they had responded to 500 call-outs across Sydney, with the majority for leaking and damaged roofs and fallen trees. She said the calls had been "widespread", with southern Sydney the worst hit. The storm front moved in from western Sydney, which was hit earlier in the morning. Bankstown received 56mm of rain by 1pm.