

Question on notice no. 162

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Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Portfolio

Senator Bridget McKenzie: asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 14 November 2024—

- (1. There were 56 community and feedback information sessions or stalls run by the Department of Infrastructure. Only two were held in the suburb of Luddenham, which is the closest to the airport, and only three took place in Penrith. Can the Department explain why communities such as the Blue Mountains received more?
2. Why has the Department deleted the information page relating to the community information sessions as on the 12/11/2024?
3. The community of Linden and Woodford in the Blue Mountains submitted over 550 submissions. Can the Department confirm whether the submissions were created in a campaign form, not individual concerns?
4. With such a low population, compared to other impacted communities, why was the decision made to alter the flight paths that would substantially benefit the Woodford and Linden communities in the final EIS?
5. What were the reasons and considerations for the Department's decisions to change the flight paths over Linden and Woodford?
6. What were the 26 LGA's that the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts letterboxed information to?
7. Could the Department list any other communities that have benefitted from the changes made for the final EIS?
8. What consideration for changes was given to the whole electorate of Lindsay, who made close to 1000 submissions from the Department's submission report. Could the Department explain why there were not considerable changes to a community of over 120,000 but changes were made for a community with a much smaller population of around 2500?
9. Have all possible flight path alternatives now been considered by the Department?
10. Once the Western Sydney International Airport opens, how will the Department ensure that the Reciprocal Runway Operations Noise Abatement Procedure is implemented consistently whenever conditions permit, and what measures will be in place to monitor and enforce adherence to this procedure?