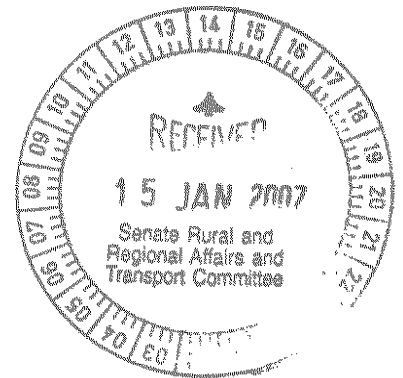


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The Secretary
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Dear Madam,

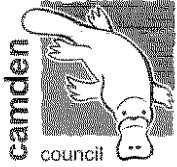
**RE: AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2006, AIRSPACE BILL 2006 & AIRSPACE
(CONSEQUENTIAL AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above draft bills. Camden Council supports in principle the intent of the bills however requests that the following matters be incorporated in the final legislation to ensure that the operation of all airports is consistent with the local environment and the desires of the community that supports the facilities.

Camden airport is recognised by Council as an important recreational airport with significant economic benefits to its community and Council supports its retention. It is however concerned that the development of some forms of development allowed under the present masterplan would be inconsistent with Council's strategic planning for its area and could in fact impact negatively on established business and commercial areas and have undesirable traffic impacts. Council's submission in relation to the masterplan was not adopted by the Minister and for this reason, it is considered important that any amendments to the Acts take into account the local conditions.

In addition, Council and its community were faced with an issue in the past regarding the use of the Camden airport by a recreational jet-fighter plane. The noise impacts of such a plane on the Camden and adjoining Council residents was significant and well above that generated by the typical recreational planes which use the airport.

Accordingly, whilst it is recognised that some no-aviation uses are appropriate at the airport and that the primary purpose of the airport is recreational, Council request that the legislation reflect the following:-



- Any non-aviation use must receive the concurrence of the local Council in which the airport is located and that use must not be inconsistent with that Council's strategic land use planning.
- The ability to control the type of planes using an airport so that noise levels experienced by local residents are controlled within acceptable limits.

Should you have any enquiries in relation to the matter, please contact Council's Director, Development & Environment, Sue Morris on 4654 7826.

Yours sincerely,

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