



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

General Manager
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Dear Sir

Subject: Planning Proposal (E2016/25816) – Tyagarah Airfield rezoning

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Planning Proposal. The Department has no comment to make on the intent and content of this proposal. If, in the future, an application is made to establish a heliport on the site the Department would welcome the opportunity to comment.

As you are aware, airports are important national infrastructure assets. They are essential transport hubs for cities, regional and remote areas and contribute significantly to the national economy as well as to the economy of New South Wales.

Land-use planning and management is an effective means to ensure that the activities nearby airports are compatible with aviation while still maintaining the safety and amenity of nearby residents. In considering proposals where aircraft safety or noise may present an issue Council may wish to refer to guidance contained in the National Airport Safeguarding Framework (NASF).

NASF was agreed by the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments at the May 2012 meeting of the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure, and provides guidance to State/Territory and local government decision makers, airport operators and developers about recognition of aviation impacts in land use planning decisions. It includes six guidelines relating to the regulation and management of the risks associated with aircraft noise; building generated windshear at airports; wildlife strikes in the vicinity of airports; wind turbine farms as physical obstacles to air navigation; lighting distractions in the vicinity of airports; and intrusions into the protected operational airspace of airports.

Full details of NASF, including guidance material, are available online at www.infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/environmental/airport_safeguarding/nasf/index.aspx

Should you require further information or wish to discuss the NASF Principles and Guidelines, the relevant contact officer in my Department is Ms Sharyn Owen (sharyn.owen@infrastructure.gov.au) on 6274 6125.

Yours sincerely



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