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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the report by the Independent Community Commissioner for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, Professor Roberta Ryan (the Commissioner).

I note the concerns of Fairfield City Council (Council) regarding the impact of aircraft noise restrictions on small landowners within the Australian Noise Exposure Concept (ANEC) 20 contour. I also note Council's support for including residents of Cecil Park and Horsley Park in consultations conducted by the Commissioner.

The aircraft noise requirements will limit aircraft noise impacts on residents living in the area by preventing further intensification of the land. This was a specific request from the Australian Federal Government and ensures that new development does not impact the ability of the Western Sydney Airport to operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

A curfew-free airport in Western Sydney underpins the City Deal signed by all three levels of government, which will bring jobs and economic opportunities to Western Sydney.

In response to the Commissioner's recommendations, the NSW Government has released a detailed report. The *Aerotropolis: Responding to the Issues Report* explains the Australian Government will develop a noise insulation and property acquisition policy for landowners whose homes will be affected by aircraft overflight noise. This policy will identify assistance for noise mitigation measures, such as sound proofing homes, dependent upon the level of impact.

In relation to future options and support for the community of Horsley Park and Cecil Park, I understand the Greater Sydney Commission and Fairfield City Council are co-chairing the Steering Committee for the Fairfield Urban Investigation Area. This Committee encourages continued cross-agency collaboration to support Council's ongoing structure plan investigation into the area.

Consultation with the residents in Cecil Park and Horsley Park is outside the terms of reference for the Commissioner and would duplicate the work of the Fairfield Urban Investigation Area Steering Committee.

I am satisfied that Ms Liz Dibbs, Western City District Commissioner, and Mr Alan Young, General Manager of Fairfield City Council, together provide the appropriate governance structure and support to address the matters you raise.

Should you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Mr Adrian Hohenzollern, Director, Western at the Department on: 0433 466 449.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Stokes".

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