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#### CANBERRA AIRPORT TO BOMBARD CANBERRA

Canberra Airport has today released a new flight arrival and departure plan that will make life a misery for tens of thousands of Canberra and Queanbeyan residents.

The plan reveals that Canberra Airport wants to have continuous flights 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with a volume of flights similar to Sydney Airport. Many of the new flights will move closer to Tuggeranong at the Airport's behest.

Village Building Co. Chief Executive, Bob Winnel, whose housing development at Tralee has been the subject of repeated criticism by Canberra Airport, says the new airport plan is unachievable madness and is planned to occur even if Tralee does not go ahead.

“This plan will create misery for thousands of people. Canberra Airport is planning to have a plane land or take off every one minute and 48 seconds of every day and every night throughout the year. If you live in Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra, Hackett, Campbell, Banks, Conder and elsewhere, this is going to be a disaster. Can you just imagine what the noise will be like if an outdated Boeing 747 throws itself into a reverse thrust on landing in the still of the night? It doesn't bear thinking about”.

Mr. Winnel says the airport's plan to disrupt the lives of the people of Canberra and Queanbeyan is driven by self interest.

“For five years the Airport have kept their real intentions secret and only released their new plans after Village took action in the Federal Court to force them to do so. Their plans are to be implemented regardless of whether Tralee proceeds”, Mr Winnel said.

“They have used Tralee as a diversion to cover their real intentions. They simply want to flood the skies adjacent to Canberra and Queanbeyan with noisy jets delivering freight near Canberra homes, which will then flood the roads out of Canberra with semi-trailers on their way to other cities 24 hours a day. The noise from these freight movements is currently borne within Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide where the freight is destined to be used. Terry Snow, however, has decided that as people in Sydney and Adelaide will not accept freight in the early hours of the morning near their homes, he will volunteer on behalf of Canberrans to accept their noise, fumes, congestion and environmental degradation that other cities in Australia reject.”

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