

12 December 2023

Director, Aviation White Paper Project Office

Aviation White Paper

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

GPO Box 594

CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Sir/Madam

The Tugun Progress Association (TPA) is a volunteer resourced & community-based not for profit organisation whose aim is to be an advocate for the community of Tugun.

Some of the key objectives of the TPA are to:

- be a source of information and discussion on local issues for the community and businesses in Tugun
- liaise with all members of the community, local, state and federal governments to ensure positive community outcomes.

As a dedicated community voice, we write to you in response to the invitation by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and Arts for submissions on the Aviation White Paper released on 7 September 2023.

We believe that we represent the interests of the surrounding community and wish to ensure that the operations of the Gold Coast Airport are conducted in a manner that minimises any adverse impact on our residential and business stakeholders.

We have previously hosted information evenings on GC Airport developments to assist in the provision of community awareness and advocate for them in the consultative process.

As such we believe there is a significant and united community concern relating to

A) Any changes to the current curfew hours (11PM to 6 AM), where we have seen historical provisions potentially exploited at the expense of community. Whilst ministerial intervention thwarted such blatant manipulation, these redundant provisions still exist, and need to be removed, to counter any opportunity for future abuse.

B) Maintaining the same arrival and departure rules relative to wind direction and specifically NOT to increase the numbers of take-offs over Tugun than current take-off and landing velocities cause.

In summary we strongly advocate the need for public consultation to be undertaken in relation to any proposed change to flight paths that significantly changes the patterns or levels of aircraft noise.

We trust that this submission is accepted in the spirit it is delivered and will be given consideration accordingly by the Department in the development and release of this Aviation White Paper.

Yours Faithfully

TPA Secretary

Tugun Progress Association