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From: Tim the Yowie Man [mailto:tym@grapevine.net.au]
Sent: Monday, 9 June 2008 3:17 PM
To: Albanese, Anthony (MP)
Subject: re: National Aviation Policy Statement

Dear Minister

Firstly, congratulations on a successful first six months in office.

Regarding the National Aviation Policy Statement which you announced in early April this year, I further congratulate you for allowing a generous period of public consultation.

As a Canberra resident I'm particularly concerned of a lack of a curfew at Canberra Airport. As the lack of a second airport in Sydney will place more and more pressure on Canberra Airport to handle a higher volume of both freight and passengers, I urge you to ensure that Canberra residents will be given the same level of protection from night time aircraft noise as those in Sydney.... The only way to achieve this is via a night-time curfew. To treat Canberra residents otherwise is to treat them as second-class Australians.

The nature reserves around Canberra Airport (including Mt Majura and Mt Ainslie) are home to several nocturnal threatened species. Not only would the lack of a curfew have an adverse impact on the quality of life of those under the flight paths, but also the wildlife – please consider their sustainability.

I wish I could also urge you to protect the Yowie – but there hasn't been a sighting of a Yowie within 30km of Canberra Airport for over forty years. Perhaps the aircraft noise is already having an impact on local critters.....!

Regards

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