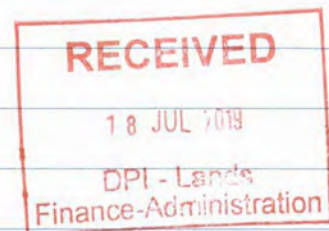


14 July 2019

Dept of Industry, Crown Lands



Dear Sir / Madam

I am aware that the Dept of Industry is considering the future use of the old airfield at Medlow Bath. And that you will be deciding on the possible granting of a long-term lease, which would allow the use of the land for aviation-based tourism, including helicopter use.

I feel very strongly, as a resident of Wentworth Falls, that the air-strip should be set aside solely for emergency use, or by National Parks, Emergency Services, Police etc.

I object to this public land being used for commercial purposes. It should be handed over to National Parks and protected forever.

If the old airfield is used by a commercial operator to run joy flights over the Upper Blue Mountains, we residents will suffer from the noise and pollution by aircraft fuel. Also, it will debase the quiet, tranquil nature of this part of the Mountains.

Please take my concerns to your meeting on 14 August or thereabouts. The peace & quiet that ^{are} so loved by residents and visitors alike will be lost forever if a commercial ~~prop~~ restaurant operator runs joy flights.

Yours sincerely

19 July, 2019

Department of Industry
Crown Lands
PO Box 2155
DANGAR NSW 2309

KATOOMBIA NSW
2780



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the potential use of a piece of crown land, the old airfield at Medlow Bath, for aviation tourism - including helicopter use.

This is public land. I object to its use for commercial purposes. The best use of this land would be for emergencies only, managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

My main objection is that this proposal would contribute to noise pollution. The mountains are a quiet, peaceful place. People from Sydney and other parts of the world visit the Blue Mountains for holidays, quiet, and time away from the noise and pollution of cities. A commercial airfield would detract from this.

Finally, the community has not been consulted about this. At the very least, I would urge you to consult with the local Blue Mountains community and take into consideration our concerns,

Yours sincerely,

The Manager.
Department of Industry,
Crown Lands,
P.O. Box 2155,
Dungel, N.S.W. 2309.



11th July 2019.

REF. NUMBER. 602686.
RE. PROPOSED CROWN LAND LEASE AT MEDLOW BATH.

My wife and I both worked and lived in Sydney before deciding to move and buy a property at Wentworth Falls in the Blue Mountains.

This was over 20 years ago and we jumped at the chance of living a more healthy lifestyle in a peaceful environment. More recently we have noticed there is an increase in the level of noise particularly over the Spring and Summer due to light planes and helicopters flying overhead. We have no objection to emergency helicopters such as Cave Flight and the N.S.W. Fire Brigade but we believe there are light aircraft and helicopters flying in this area maybe from Bankstown Airport.

At a recent meeting in Katoomba we listened to a couple of tour operators who were rejoicing at the possibility of a lease being granted to a commercial operator. When challenged one said we were mad as 'Tourism' was our only real source of income.

We encourage tourists to come to the Mountains but not in helicopters or possibly light planes. It seems this is to target the rich overseas Market who probably could not care less about our environment.

As part of the World Heritage National Parks we are most concerned about the pollution and damage

to wildlife in this area not to mention the Blue Mountains water supply catchment nearby to the proposed airport.

It was reported in the Blue Mountains GAZETTE on the 26th June 2019 that the "HARSENS" have now put forward a proposal to support their Application for a 50 year lease. They plan to operate a commercial airfield sealing one of the runways to allow recreational fixed wing aircraft to use it."

If this statement is correct maybe it is their intention to offer scenic helicopter charter flights and possibly light planes such as "CESSNA" and "PIPER CHEROKEE" on longer flights throughout the Mountains.

In conclusion we strongly oppose any change to the present licensing arrangement and urge you to not authorise use of this land at Medlow Bath in the Blue Mountains as a aerodrome for commercial flights. It should be transferred to the National Park and protected forever.

Yours faithfully,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and any accompanying text or stamp.

Department of Planning
Industry & Environment
(Crown lands)

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2309.

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Dear Sir / madam,

Re Katoomba Airfield.

Ref. No. 602686.

I am saddened writing this letter to you. My husband and I purchased our block of land on the edge of the Grand Canyon many years ago and have enjoyed a peaceful lifestyle here.

The Public (crown land) that the Katoomba Airfield is situated on should not be used for commercial purposes, but transferred to its rightful place - The Blue Mountains National Park & protected for future generations to enjoy as our family & friends & people from all over the world have enjoyed.

Keeping a working dirt strip for emergency use only is a sensible strategy for bush fire fighting & responding to accidents.

The idea of having aviation tourism, including helicopter use, soaring ^{above} the many groups of people enjoying the meditative tranquility of the beautiful walks down into the Grand Canyon

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& along the cliff walk from Goulet's Leap lookout to Evans lookout, flies in the face of The National Parks and Wildlife Services to make the World Heritage Blue Mountains National Park accessible to all Australians and the guests.

The cheap commercialisation of the pristine Blue Mountains, World Heritage area that the Blue Mountains Council has tried to avoid by not having the McDonald's - golden arches & similar symbols of crass marketing in the area

and

The paucity of community consultation by the Blue Mountains Council also flies in the face of Blue Mountains Council's commitment to maintaining the environment we all share.

Please give this issue your best consideration.

Yours sincerely,

