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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 1 July 2019 8:10 AM  
**To:** airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: Online submission: Katooma Airfield – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Katooma Airfield  
Reference : DP751627

**Your details**

First name: [REDACTED]  
Last name: [REDACTED]  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: [REDACTED]  
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Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : Our family enjoy our quiet lifestyle that we all enjoy on our property. The reason we live where we live, a fantastic quality of life away from such things as aircraft Noise. Our animals would also be affected by aircraft noise.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : A NEGATIVE impact as our quality of peace & tranquillity would be impacted by aircraft flying over our property causing a feeling of living in a area we originally didn't purchase our land for.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: This site should not be opened to aircraft, this is a Blue Mountains area for all to enjoy the escape of such things as AIRCRAFT NOISE. Stop this, leave the Mountains alone.

Do you have any other comments?: Do not destroy our lifestyles in the Mountains. It should be left alone . Why do people who do not live here want to destroy what mother nature created. A place of peace not for money makers to destroy...

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 6 July 2019 12:43 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Proposed lease of Katoomba airfield  
Reference : 602686

**Your details**

First name: [REDACTED]  
Last name: [REDACTED]  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: [REDACTED]  
State: [REDACTED]  
Postcode: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : We use the area around Katoomba airfield for passive recreation such as bushwalking, photography of wildlife and unspoilt scenery and enjoying peace and quiet.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : The proposal to develop Katoomba airfield into a commercial operation will mean noise from flights and from road traffic, changes to roads (e.g.: widening), increase in road traffic, increase in numbers of people, negative effects on habitat and wildlife, more pollution, more litter and degradation of the area.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: This site is important habitat for wildlife and an important area for passive recreation.

Do you have any other comments?: I object strenuously to any commercial lease for this public land. The land should instead be included in the Blue Mountains National Park. The airfield should be used only for emergency use. Not only will commercial development of the airfield have significant negative effects on the site, the noise from increased air traffic will have a negative effect on wildlife, residents, and tourism over a wider area of the Blue Mountains. I cannot stress strongly enough my opposition to this proposed lease and development.

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Friday, 12 July 2019 8:44 AM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – Carlos Catano

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2019 2:27 PM  
**To:** [cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield  
Reference : 602686

**Your details**

First name: [REDACTED]  
Last name: [REDACTED]  
Organisation: [REDACTED]  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: [REDACTED]  
State: [REDACTED]  
Postcode: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I would like the natural environment to be preserved. I suggest that this Crown Land should be transferred to the National Park and protected forever.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : There would be environmental impacts like unnecessary CO2 emissions and noise pollution which might affect the native fauna.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?:

Do you have any other comments?: I object to this public land being used for commercial purposes. A working dirt strip should be kept at the airfield for emergency use only.

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 22 July 2019 8:28 AM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 21 July 2019 2:28 PM  
**To:** [cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield  
Reference : 602686

**Your details**

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Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? :

I Yearly attend Dhamma Bhumi meditation camp for 10 days meditation course, also monthly meditation day courses and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of it. Frequent Family bush walking trips withing Blue Mountains range near Katoomba for rejuvenation and peace and quiet from busy life style, from city noise and pollution.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? :

Please DO NOT LET this site to be commercially Used!!!! The noise level from commercial aircrafts, helicopters would ABSOLUTELY Destroy peace , tranquility and cleanness of this unique Place on Earth - Blue Mountains Range. The unique qualities of the Blue Mountains are recognized by its status as a World Heritage Area. The Blue Mountains National Park’s magnificent land form, the grandeur of its canyons, the variety of flora and fauna and birds, combined with the scenery, peace, and silence, make it a delight for residents and visitors alike. Flights overhead, or even nearby, would shatter all this. There is no way of controlling flights paths and the frequency of flights, as the ability to regulate them is minimal. The height restrictions are (500 feet) 150m above wilderness, and (1000 feet) 300m over houses. There has been no study of the environmental impact on birds, animals, or humans, especially with regard to noise impact. No details have been released concerning the tender process, and the deeply-flawed public consultation process answered few questions. Once granted, the lease will secure the operator’s tenure of the airfield for 50 years, opening the way for further

commercial development, or even on-sale to another operator or developer. Clearly, this lease to a commercial operator, Flyblue should NOT be issued!!!!

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?:

In 1999, the Blue Mountains City Council requested the Department of Land and Water Conservation to integrate Katoomba airfield into the National Park and restrict flights to emergencies only. This concept was reaffirmed by Blue Mountains Council again in 2008. Lets keep it up in 2019 and not destroy the Beauty and Tranquility of Blue Mountains!

Do you have any other comments?:

We go to OUR Blue Mountains for a Peace and sounds of Nature : running water, wind whisper through the tree crowns, many different birds singing. But NOT to listen a Motor Sounds - too much of it in the city. Please DO not destroy one of a few Places around Sydney that you could truly relax in with commercial aircraft noise.

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 29 July 2019 8:27 AM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: Online submission: Lease of Katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 July 2019 3:55 PM  
**To:** [cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Online submission: Lease of Katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Lease of Katoomba airfield  
Reference : 602686

**Your details**

First name: [REDACTED]  
Last name: [REDACTED]  
Organisation:  
Postal address:  
Suburb: [REDACTED]  
State: [REDACTED]  
Postcode: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : Prefer to bush walk near the site in peace and quiet

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : I don't believe we need the site to be leased out for more commercial aircraft circling the sights and disturbing the peace when we are bushwalking. Info includes "FlyBlue has indicated on its website that it will provide destinational 'scenic heli-charters' that will be a minimum of 30 minutes duration." Other information states that FlyBlue can allow any number of other commercial aircraft to utilise the airport. Also it can be subleased to international profit making companies - where the profits are sent overseas and not taxed here. I would prefer Emergency use only. We will have 24/7 aircraft flying overhead from Western Sydney Airport in the future.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: Leasing of crown land should not be allowed for profit and there should not be disturbance of our peace and quiet and enjoyment of the natural bush.

Do you have any other comments?: Do not lease for commercial use - emergency use only so we do not have flights over the National Park

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 July 2019 3:41 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: Online submission: No dealings or activities – [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 July 2019 3:36 PM  
**To:** [cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Online submission: No dealings or activities – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: No dealings or activities

Reference :

**Your details**

First name: [REDACTED]  
Last name: [REDACTED]  
Organisation: n/a  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: [REDACTED]  
State: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 2786  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I do not currently use the site unless requested to be there as my role as a volunteer firefighter in the NSWRFSS.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : As a member of NSWRFSS I believe that reopening the airfield will keep the area in good order for use by emergency services. It would also include other emergency services such as air ambulance and police.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?:  
Do you have any other comments?: It would be great to have a local airfield for tourists to fly in and out of to access the various locations around the mountains and further west such as Mudgee wine fields.

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Sunday, 4 August 2019 10:04 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

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Reference : 602686

**Your details**

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Last name: [REDACTED]  
Organisation:  
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Suburb: [REDACTED]  
State: [REDACTED]  
Postcode: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? :

I object to the leasing of this crown land for proposed increase of recreational aviation including scenic helicopter flights. This land is in the midst of world heritage wilderness and should be included into the existing national park to maintain the reputation of the magnificent Blue Mountains as a peaceful and quiet getaway and place to live.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? :

As a resident of Blackheath I am already negatively impacted by the increased noise coming from increased road and rail freight trains. The addition of helicopter noise would impact the livability and tourist appeal of the upper Blue Mountains generally as well as impact my personal life and business substantially. I am highly concerned about the impact of this kind of noise on the many tourism businesses in the Blue Mountains marketing a wilderness retreat experience which the Blue Mountains has always been unique in offering in the Sydney region. This area is so special and the impact of this kind of recreational aviation could be disastrous on the experience of living and visiting the Blue Mountains. This lease is not in the best interests of the Blue Mountains environment, small business or residents and can't be justified.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?:

The native wildlife of the area are precious and with so many other threats to wildlife in the present day, the addition of helicopters can not be considered safe or appropriate. No regulations imposed can make this safe - helicopters are known to be a significant hazard to birds, mammals, and vegetation.

Do you have any other comments?:

The Blue Mountains national park should remain a place where people can escape aviation noise not endure it (and it's echos through the cliffs and valleys). If we disrupt the serenity and further impact the remaining wildlife there will be no reason to live and visit in the Blue Mountains.

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Sunday, 4 August 2019 11:40 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

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Reference : 602686

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Last name: [REDACTED]  
Organisation:  
Postal address:  
Suburb: [REDACTED]  
State: [REDACTED]  
Postcode: [REDACTED]  
Email:

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : Since we're talking about an airport – the "site" by definition should include any surrounding areas affected by this application. I am a resident of Medlow Bath. I live and work within the suburb. I currently enjoy the relative tranquillity of living in a small hamlet that is not overrun with tourists or tour operators.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : I moved to the Blue Mountains to live in peace and tranquillity, not to suffer sound and air pollution on a daily basis. I enjoy sharing this delicate World Heritage ecosystem with native birds and other animals and would not want their welfare jeopardised by constant machine noise and petroleum emissions. I do not want helicopters or fixed wing aircraft flying anywhere near Medlow Bath or over the Megalong and Kanimbla valleys, as both are in constant use by native birdlife. These valleys are peaceful and beautiful to look at. Helicopters are not. Furthermore the sound generated by aircraft flying through these areas creates loud echoes from the surrounding valley walls – thus we hear them long before they arrive and for a considerable time after they leave.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: The proposed airport is located within a World Heritage site. The Blue Mountains were granted that prestigious status due to its elemental and pristine beauty. UNESCO have specifically identified "inappropriate recreation and tourism activities including the development of tourism infrastructure, due to increasing Australian and overseas visitor pressure and commercial ventures;" as an ongoing management challenge on their website's Blue Mountains listing. This proposal represents such an expansion of tourist activities. The Blue Mountains risks suffering reputational damage from selling out its greatest assets. It's a false economy to believe that a continual cacophony of buzzing decibels from the privileged few going on joyrides will make the Blue Mountains a more attractive place for the majority of visitors and

residents. The grassroots tourists - backpackers, cyclists, hikers and so on - come here for the space and the peace borne of many thousands of years of nature's handiwork, they don't come to stay next to an aerodrome. Once the character of a wilderness is compromised by over-exposure, decline sets in.

Flyblue have not disclosed many aspects of their operation. For example they have not shared their flight plans, they have merely stated a handful of places they will NOT be flying. They seem to think this is enough. It is not. Surely if they know where they're not flying then by default they know where they are flying? To say otherwise comes across as disingenuousness. Unless they can be completely transparent on this point how can we possibly judge whether their promises have a factual basis? Flyblue's procedures note taking readings at Hampton Wind Farm – which indicates they do intend flying over the Megalong Valley. Residents of Delmonte Ave, Bellevue Crescent and guests at the Hydro Majestic MUST be included in the residential areas FlyBlue have promised to avoid. I did not buy my property to watch and listen to helicopters! Flyblue also say “there is no existing evidence of studies undertaken to-date that would confirm that aviation has any impact on the migratory/breeding patterns, wellbeing, or otherwise of native birdlife.” This is NOT proof that the birdlife will not be impacted by their activities. Where is their evidence demonstrating that there will be no adverse impacts? To simply say something must be safe because no one has proven it isn't is a poor sort of logic. The Greenfleet carbon offset program to which Flyblue subscribe is a commendable venture. I fully support the prospect of replenished forests. However unless the promised one tree per flight is planted near to or within the Blue Mountains it is hard to see how our area benefits. A cynic might wonder if this is merely an effort to win over ecologists whilst doing little for the immediate environment within which the commercial activity occurs. Although it may seem churlish to complain I would rather know that the trees are being planted locally, near to the source of the pollution for which they are intended to assuage. It has been noted that other aircraft may use the airport. More information should be provided about this intended use of the airport. Can the restrictions Flyblue say their fleet will abide by be guaranteed for any other operator using the facilities? If not then this use should be limited to emergency flights only. I am concerned that there may be a financial incentive for Flyblue to open up the airport to all comers. The Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council land claim lodged in July 2019 should be assessed and a decision delivered prior to any long term lease being offered to Flyblue or anyone else. The land is Crown land, yet this proposal represents only the commercial interests of private individuals. I would prefer the airport be integrated into the Blue Mountains National Park, with ongoing provision for emergency air support, for cases such as fire-fighting and emergency landings only. More consultation is necessary before any firm decisions should be made.

Do you have any other comments?:

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