
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 June 2019 3:07 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Katoomba Airfield
Reference : 602686

Your details

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

- 1.The site holds family and historical importance not only to myself but many other members of the aviation community.
- 2.Unfortunately since closure of the airfield as an ALA this popular airfield has not been able to be utilised by the aviation community.

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

Having the proposed lease agreement go ahead will positively impact the aviation community, local business and tourism, and be able to retain the history associated with Katoomba airfield.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2019 2:29 PM
To: airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: FW: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2019 2:27 PM
To: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Katoomba Airfield
Reference : LX602868

Your details

First name: [REDACTED]
Last name: [REDACTED]
Organisation:
Postal address:
Suburb:
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? : The airfield in its current use is for public and environmental safety. During emergency situations such as bush fires it is used to protect life, property and the environment. This is the responsibility of the government.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : This activity will have a negative impact on me. Medlow Baths main attraction is the quiet. Noise from Helicopters will have a significant impact on the community

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

Do you have any other comments?:

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 26 June 2019 7:26 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Proposed Lease of Katoomba Airfield by Fly Blue – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Proposed Lease of Katoomba Airfield by Fly Blue
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 do not use the current crown land facility at Medlow Bath. I am resident of Wentworth Falls and an avid bush walker. I regularly bush walk in areas of the Blue Mountains near Katoomba, Medlow Bath, Blackheath and other locations in the Blue Mountains National Park.

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 do not envisage any negative impact other than minor noise from aircraft landing and taking off from the Katoomba Airfield. I believe that an operational airfield at Medlow Bath 'YKAT' would be beneficial to local pilots and to pilots of light aircraft who wish to visit the Blue Mountains and their friends living in the area. It would also be a benefit to transiting aircraft as an additional airfield between Bathurst and Bankstown thereby providing a safe airfield to be used either as an alternate or emergency airfield. The proposed operation by Sky Blue is well considered and takes into account the sensitivity of operating at an airfield in the middle of a World Heritage Listed National Park.

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

No

Do you have any other comments?: I support the proposal by Sky Blue to lease the crown land at Medlow Bath and the Katoomba Airfield 'YKAT'.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2019 11:05 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Proposed Lease - Katoomba Airfield - [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Proposed Lease - 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? :

1. The area in the blue mountains is used a recreational space in NSW. It is used for outdoor activities including Hang Gliding and Paragliding in the area. 2. The surrounding areas are basically used daily and more frequently during weekends for Hang Gliding and Paragliding activities. These activities are existing in the area for more than 30 years.

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 of operating helicopter flights in this area will have many impacts to local residents and visitors (noise and pollution). Further it will put current recreational flying in the free flying sport in the areas at a significantly higher risk

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

The Blue Mountains are a heritage place and been enjoyed by many local in international visitors for their natural beauty and clean environment. It can't be in the interest of any local resident and visitor to have helicopters operating there.

Do you have any other comments?:

Public interest should be put first. Keep the Blue Mountains clean.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2019 11:11 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Flag Status: Flagged

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? : almost monthly through climbing, canyoning, bushwalking and paragliding. I appreciate the quiet and tranquility

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : it will ruin the tranquillity and also restrict the paragliding from Blackheath

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: no

Do you have any other comments?: please don't allow commercial flights to ruin the tranquillity of the area

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 3 July 2019 8:26 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Lease Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

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Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Lease 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 object to a commercial development in a world heritage National park and I object to giving away public land to a private company

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 proposed lease will have detrimental effects such as noise disturbances to the wildlife within the National park

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: I would like to see the the Airfield remain for emergency purposes only and be managed by the NPWS

Do you have any other comments?: I would like to see this land transferred to the National Park

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Thursday, 11 July 2019 8:10 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: FW: Online submission: lease medlow bath katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 7:59 PM
To: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: lease medlow bath katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: lease medlow bath 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? : Enjoy walking in the national park the quiet that it offers ,spending time with my family and friends

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 noise and pollution from helicopters and fixed wing aircraft will impact on the serenity of the bush, health of the water catchments, with possible contamination from stored fuel at the site and from aircrafts.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: the blue mountains has heritage listing and the airfield should be part of the national park the environment should be protected at every level both noise and chemical pollution should not be risked.

Do you have any other comments?: I support the residents concerns for the impact that the airfield could have. Both Visitors to the mountains as well as residents will be negatively affected.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 19 July 2019 7:11 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Proposed lease Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Proposed lease 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? : I live in the path of aircraft flights

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : With aircraft noise from flights using Sydney Airport and the the proposed substantial impact of the Badgers Creek airport, I do not want the Katoomba airfield used for anything other than emergency aircraft. We do not need or want more air pollution in the mountains.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: While the submission to use the airfield mentions tourist amenity, if successful, it would be detrimental to tourist amenity because of the noise pollution. Tourists come here because it is quieter than the city, more noise would destroy that quiet for residents and tourists.

Do you have any other comments?: Please do not approve the submission.

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 8:19 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: FW: Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 9:16 PM
To: 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? :

Our family is regularly visiting the blue mountains (by train or at times with the car) to stay for several nights and go for bush walks. This happens every 6-8 weeks, as we consider it vital for the upbringing of our daughters to be connected to the land they live in and the Blue mountains national park is a unique heritage that Australia has to offer. We thoroughly enjoy the peace and tranquility that the national park offers, the serene landscape and how readily one can access remote areas by descending into the valleys.

The proposed lease of the Katoomba airfield to a commercial operator will result in dozens to hundrets of aircraft flights (small planes or helicopters) every day in high season, and hence project an immense noise level into the surrounding areas. As the NP is so widely spread, and valleys will reflect the aircraft noise, the experience to all ground-bound visitors will be seriously impacted by the noise, making it less appealing to find tranquility and a sense of remoteness. After all, the mountains are welcoming everyone to explore the area by foot, bike, or motorised vehicles along the many roads spreading across the plateau. I can not overstate how utterly damaging the noise of low-flying aircrafts would have to the qualities that make this national park so unique. Already, any plane or helicopter flying above the mountains can be heard for many tens or hundrets of miles away, and adding low flying tourist aircrafts will destroy the atmosphere

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

inherent to this area.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 29 July 2019 8:26 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: FW: Online submission: Airport - [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, 27 July 2019 12:45 AM
To: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Airport - [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Airport

Reference :

Your details

First name: [REDACTED]
Last name: [REDACTED]
Organisation:
Postal address: [REDACTED]
Suburb: Woodford
State: NSW
Postcode: 2778
Email: [REDACTED]

Your feedback

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

The site is within a World Heritage National Park. It is currently a quiet space, in keeping with the rest of the mountains environment.

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

More noise. More people. Private enterprise = private profit and in this case, at the expense of the peaceful national park environment.

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

Yes. I live here. I don't want to be subjected to aircraft noise simply for the benefit of some private organisation.

Do you have any other comments?:

Yes. Have people lost their minds???? This is a world heritage national park. It is NOT an area wanting excessive noise or human traffic. It is a biological environment in which many sensitive species of flora and fauna live. A tourist aerodrome is completely & utterly incompatible with this environment. This is an unnecessary development which will bring no benefit to the environment - it will detract from it.

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I would like my submission to be treated as confidential: No, publish my submission

From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 29 July 2019 8:28 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: FW: Online submission: Commercial Lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, 28 July 2019 12:17 PM
To: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Commercial Lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Commercial 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? :

This is not an appropriate question given the nature of concerns and the current lack of public access to the site. The current airfield does not have public access and hence I do not use or 'enjoy the site'. My concern is the negative impact of the proposed commercial heli-tourism development at this site on the surrounding areas, wildlife, communities and tourist pursuits which focus on enjoying the World Heritage environment. I live in an area which is directly under the flight path and hence would be impacted by noise created by heli-tourism operations. I chose to invest my life earnings in a residence located in a quiet and peaceful environment and the proposed development of a heli-tourism business would threaten if not destroy this.

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

This is not an appropriate question given the nature of concerns. The current airfield does not have public access and hence I do not use or 'enjoy the site'. My concern is the negative impact of commercial helicopter tourism operations on the surrounding communities, wildlife and World Heritage Area. I do not wish to see an increase in low altitude air traffic, particularly helicopters, which will create significant noise pollution. This will adversely impact upon the residents of our local communities, wildlife, existing tourism and the enjoyment of the peace and quiet of the surrounding natural environment. Furthermore, I reside in the Megalong Valley under the current and proposed flight path and would be directly impacted by commercial heli-tourism and

increased flights. I strongly oppose any development of this nature, particularly as the developers are unwilling to provide any information regarding the scope of operations, frequency of flights etc. Given the lack of information and transparency specifically relating to scope of operations, I have to assume it would be an intrusive development which will benefit only the operators and be to the detriment of many. Given the proposed investment in infrastructure I believe the scope of operations would need to be significant to make it viable.

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

Once again, an inappropriate question. The community concerns are not about the site but the impact of the proposed development on the surrounding areas and people. A flight height of 500 feet would mean that helicopter flights could be conducted below the escarpment / cliff line amplifying the impact of noise on residents in the valleys and on escarpments. I believe the current airfield should be maintained to serve the greater good of the population of the Blue Mountains area. The Blue Mountains as a tourist destination brings many visitors from Australia and overseas, ongoing income to private business, and revenue to State and Federal Governments through taxes. It would be a fair allocation of public funds to contribute to the maintenance of an emergency airfield to support the area. It needs to be public infrastructure, just as our fire, rescue, other community services and the NPWS. I would support the maintenance and development of the airfield for this purpose only.

Do you have any other comments?:

I have come to the conclusion that I am against the commercialisation of the airfield but support the airfield being maintained as a Crown Lands utility using public funding to upgrade and provide ongoing maintenance of the airfield for emergency aircraft and limited use for noncommercial aircraft. The proposed development of a commercial heli-tourism operation would be an intrusive development which will benefit only the operators and be to the detriment of the surrounding environment and communities.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 1 August 2019 11:47 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: objection to commercial lease of airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: objection to commercial lease of 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? :

I have been a resident of Katoomba for 33 years and love the beauty of our World Heritage Listed National Park. The area is nationally and internationally known to residents and visitors as a unique and peaceful place to walk, climb, canyon, camp and enjoy for its natural wonders and beauty. The addition of helicopter flights for a small percent of the population, who can afford them, would deter visitors from visiting this peaceful environment. Surely the additional noise from frequent flights would destroy the serene environment for all who visit to enjoy the simplicity and peacefulness of our parks. Within time the Blue Mountains would lose its attraction for a large number of tourists. This too would greatly affect the hospitality businesses in the Blue Mountains who rely upon these visitors. The hospitality industry in our area is major and if it were to suffer further the Mountain's economy would fail drastically.

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, I do not look forward to the additional noise in our neighbourhood. Along with the expected flights from the airport being built at Badgerys Creek, the helicopter and small aircraft flights from Medlow Bath will assuredly detract from our property's enjoyment and eventual value. The wildlife in our beautiful area will inevitably be disturbed by the addition of local aircraft and the pollution aircraft fuel could generate. Our unique mountain flora and fauna are already at risk. Do we really need to see how we can damage them further?

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

I also worry about the safety of the airfield and flights, particularly in regards to bushfires. The fuel will need regular deliveries to Medlow Bath. The safety of the additional tankers add risks on our sometimes unreliable roads. I would hate to think what could happen during a hot windy day if there was a tragic accident with a tanker or sadly a helicopter if it were to crash , which unfortunately has happened in tourist areas which incorporate helicopter joy flights . This is simply

another possibility which needs consideration. We have to deal with massive bushfires started in a variety of ways and surely the inclusion of a commercial airfield is an unnecessary addition.

Do you have any other comments?:

I do feel that it's important that the airstrip be retained only as an emergency resource. This crown land should be transferred to the national park and be protected!

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 4 August 2019 9:08 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? : I walk regularly walk with my 11y/o grandson around the escarpment & into the valleys surrounding Wentworth Falls, Leura, Katoomba & Medlow Bath, , enjoying the tranquility of the bush & its birdlife.

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 proposed commercial lease of the site will create a great deal of noise pollution over large areas of the Blue Mountains National Park & residential areas. Many of the residents choose to live here because of its tranquility surrounded by & with access to a stunning, World Heritage natural environment, birds & other native fauna.

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

Do you have any other comments?: This is to lodge my objection to the proposed Commercial Lease of the Katoomba Airfield. I feel strongly that such a Commercial Lease of the airfield, and the activities proposed for its use, would threaten the integrity of the World Heritage Area and negatively impact native wildlife and Blue Mountains residents significantly. I believe that the airfield management should be placed with NSW National Parks and that its operation should be for emergency purposes only.

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 4 August 2019 10:39 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? : I'm a rock climber and bush walker in the area who frequent the area at least 3 times per week

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 will affect the peace and quiet which the bush walking community seek and enjoy. I cannot think of any positives which this proposal will bring. To argue that this proposal will open up tourism and planting new trees as part of this proposal's contribution is just lame.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: As a future resident in the area, I do not wish to see helicopters littering the sky otherwise, I would have stayed in Sydney.

Do you have any other comments?:

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 1 August 2019 4:22 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 : LX602686

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? : I moved to the Upper Blue Mountains 10 years ago to enjoy the peace and quiet which it offers. I am also a keen bush walker and actively enjoy the walks around Blackheath, Katoomba and Leura.

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 rise in the level of air traffic would adversely impact on my quality of life and enjoyment of the the area. One of the reasons for living in the Blue Mountains is to escape the incessant noise of the city. I used to live near Coogee and hated the air traffic. At certain times of the day or night planes would be flying over to land every 30 secs.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: Besides personal reasons I object to public land being used for commercial purposes. This crown land should be transferred to the national park and hence protected forever. Although there should also be a working dirt strip at the airfield for emergency use only.

Do you have any other comments?: I am suspicious of any attempt to use the Katoomba Airfield for commerical use. In the past year or so I have noticed an increase in the number of non-emergency helicopter flights which seem to hover and fly far to low over my house in south Leura. This is in the day and night. With the activation of Katoomba Airfield this can only become worse.

Privacy & confidentiality

Publication of your details:

I would like my submission to be treated as confidential: No, publish my submission

I would like my contact details to be treated as confidential: Yes, remove my contact details before my submission is published

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 1 August 2019 11:47 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: objection to commercial lease of airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: objection to commercial lease of 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? :

I have been a resident of Katoomba for 33 years and love the beauty of our World Heritage Listed National Park. The area is nationally and internationally known to residents and visitors as a unique and peaceful place to walk, climb, canyon, camp and enjoy for its natural wonders and beauty. The addition of helicopter flights for a small percent of the population, who can afford them, would deter visitors from visiting this peaceful environment. Surely the additional noise from frequent flights would destroy the serene environment for all who visit to enjoy the simplicity and peacefulness of our parks. Within time the Blue Mountains would lose its attraction for a large number of tourists. This too would greatly affect the hospitality businesses in the Blue Mountains who rely upon these visitors. The hospitality industry in our area is major and if it were to suffer further the Mountain's economy would fail drastically.

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, I do not look forward to the additional noise in our neighbourhood. Along with the expected flights from the airport being built at Badgerys Creek, the helicopter and small aircraft flights from Medlow Bath will assuredly detract from our property's enjoyment and eventual value. The wildlife in our beautiful area will inevitably be disturbed by the addition of local aircraft and the pollution aircraft fuel could generate. Our unique mountain flora and fauna are already at risk. Do we really need to see how we can damage them further?

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

I also worry about the safety of the airfield and flights, particularly in regards to bushfires. The fuel will need regular deliveries to Medlow Bath. The safety of the additional tankers add risks on our sometimes unreliable roads. I would hate to think what could happen during a hot windy day if there was a tragic accident with a tanker or sadly a helicopter if it were to crash , which unfortunately has happened in tourist areas which incorporate helicopter joy flights . This is simply

another possibility which needs consideration. We have to deal with massive bushfires started in a variety of ways and surely the inclusion of a commercial airfield is an unnecessary addition.

Do you have any other comments?:

I do feel that it's important that the airstrip be retained only as an emergency resource. This crown land should be transferred to the national park and be protected!

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2019 8:20 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: FW: Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield - [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 29 July 2019 8:15 PM
To: 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 do not currently use the site as I believed it was private land.

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

We moved to the Blue Mountains from Marrickville to get away from plane noise. Since we have moved here there is now a new airport planned with flights directly overhead and now a runway in Medlow Bath. Why did we leave the city? The proposed Katoomba Airport operator has not provided details of flight paths or numbers of flights per day. This seems irresponsible and I feel needs further investigation so we can ascertain how many suburbs will be affected and how badly. Many people moved to the mountains to get away from the noise and traffic of the city. We sacrificed careers, social activities, theatres etc to live peacefully and quietly with nature. This proposed development will destroy all that with little or no benefit to the local community. Any increase in tourism will be minimal and the only hotel in Medlow Bath is owned by the Escarpment Group which is under investigation at the moment for employing overseas students and exploiting them so there will be no increased jobs for the area as any increased business will go to overseas students. Also there has been no business plan which shows how tourist numbers will be increased and whether these flights will keep tourists in the area or return them the Sydney so again no evidence

of increased tourism or benefit to the mountains.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

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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? : 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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I would like my contact details to be treated as confidential: Yes, remove my contact details before my submission is published

From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 8 July 2019 8:34 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: FW: Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, 7 July 2019 6:10 PM
To: 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:
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? :

I live adjacent to the site, looking directly at it from my house, and I am under the proposed flightpaths. I regularly go bushwalking and bikeriding in the impacted area.

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 live in Blackheath. I bought my house entirely because Blackheath is a quiet place surrounded by wilderness. It is unfair to significantly change the game at this point, to ruin the quiet and the unspoilt beauty. * Every flight would be directly in my view from my house. * Every flight will be significantly noisy at my house. * This will devalue my property. * Not only does it impact me at home, but it would disturb my enjoyment of the bushwalks in this area where I walk regularly. * Once they are initially approved they are free to keep applying for alterations, meaning we'd ALWAYS have to be putting in these submissions. We don't want to do this, we just want to be left alone. * Many people are unaware this is even happening. We don't spend our lives watching for this, that's what we hire the government for - to protect the citizens, and make their lives better. * The applicant has many easily demonstrated lies in their application, ie "We will not fly over The Grose Valley", and their flight plan shows exactly that they will EVERY single flight. * Calling Blackheath a "No Fly Zone" because they won't fly DIRECTLY over the MAIN town is misleading - everyone will still see/hear the flights, and many folk on the outer edges of town are still under the flightpath. *

NPWS has worked for YEARS on the Grand Canyon walk as a feature nature walk of the district, and now they will be impacting it with noise. * The risk to the Environment and the World Heritage area is significant from both noise, fuel transfers, and crashing vehicles full of fuel. A plane crashed here recently. * I do not believe it will bring any economic benefit to the region at all. In fact, I think it may LESSEN the money into the local economy as it will encourage quicker visits. * Many people here are retired: they just want peace and the wilderness preserved. * There are other areas in the world where this sort of tourism has had MAJOR impact. eg the Grand Canyon in the USA allows helicopter tourism below Pearce's Ferry - it is well known amongst river travelers to end your river trip at this point as the helicopter impact is unbearably obtrusive. * Even the EXISTING flights for rescue/search/operations/fires operated from the National Park facility near Govetts Leap are a ton of noise, increasing every year. They should operate these essential National Parks flights from Katoomba Airport, and that's all.

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

No.

Do you have any other comments?:

No-one wants this at all. It's overwhelmingly obvious that this is a cash grab for a few people, and should not be allowed to happen, ever.

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 8:29 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 12:24 PM
To: 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:
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? :

As a local in the Blue Mountains, I often go for bush-walks in the Medlow Bath/Blackheath area. I also practice meditation locally in a location chosen for it's 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 meditation centre chose this location for it's peace and quiet and benefits thousands of students annually, which it has done for over 30 years. Both bush-walking and meditation activities would be negatively impacted due to low flying aircraft noise. However, I would not only be negatively impacted by the noise, but also by the loss of privacy. I would not want people photographing me from above whilst I am on a meditation retreat nor walking, and I don't see any way to police this if the lease goes ahead.

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

I also work in mental health and know the additional noise from helicopters in particular negatively impacts many of my clients who experience PTSD and autism. Unfortunately many of these people do not have the capacity to object to this submission. I would like to see the community engagement process assess mental health impacts related to low flying aircraft noise.

Do you have any other comments?:

I object to the airfield, which is on public land, being used for commercial purposes - especially given the negative impact for the majority of the local and tourist community. The Crown Land should be transferred back to the national parks so it can be protected for future

generations and the current dirt strip should be used for emergency services only.

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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? : Bushwalks and camping
Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : It will impact negatively Noise Air pollution Privatised areas if lease goes ahead
Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?:
Do you have any other comments?:

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 4 August 2019 11:19 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: 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? : I am a member of the Blue Mountains Astronomical Society, a hobby and educational institute. We use the airfield for its location and isolation. It offer the best location within the Upper Blue Mountains as the light pollution is minimal. I am also an active member of South Katoomba Rural Fire Service and believe on a personal level, the airfield is critical for Air support during a bush fire.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : Approval of the lease would firstly ensure Blue Mountains Astronomical Society Telescopes location would remain. Secondly, I reside in Katoomba. Without the airfield, arial support response would be delayed dramatically as there are no other airfields in the Blue Mountains. Air attacks are crucial.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: The airfield has been in operation since 1969. As a retired pilot, it offered some reassurance that an emergency strip was available if needed. It is the only strip available in the Blue Mountains between Sydney and Bathurst.

Do you have any other comments?: I attended this so called information session in Katoomba filled with ill-informed people, most of which I did not recognise. I attempted to put a point of view via a question to the chairman, only to be yelled at, threatened and people demanding to know my name and what business I had asking such a question. Please do not permit these loud, professional protesters intimate the department as they did at this information session. If it wasn't for the calm demeanour of the supporters of the Airfield, I am certain a physical altercation would have occurred.

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I would like my contact details to Yes, remove my contact details before my submission is published

be treated as confidential:

From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Saturday, 3 August 2019 4:00 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: 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? : I object to this public land being used for commercial purposes. This crown land should be transferred to the national park and protected forever. Keep a working dirt strip at the airfield for emergency use only.

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 object to this public land being used for commercial purposes. This crown land should be transferred to the national park and protected forever. Keep a working dirt strip at the airfield for emergency use only.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: I object to this public land being used for commercial purposes. This crown land should be transferred to the national park and protected forever. Keep a working dirt strip at the airfield for emergency use only.

Do you have any other comments?: I object to this public land being used for commercial purposes. This crown land should be transferred to the national park and protected forever. Keep a working dirt strip at the airfield for emergency use only.

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To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba airfield commercial purpose – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Katoomba airfield commercial purpose
Reference : 602686

Your details

First name: [REDACTED]
Last name: [REDACTED]
Organisation:
Postal address: [REDACTED]
Suburb: [REDACTED] ah
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 feel connected with the Blue Mountains through weekends at my parents house and family holidays. I love nature and bushwalking and rock climbing.

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 use of Katoomba airfield for commercial purpose would increase scenic flights of the area. The noise from helicopter and small planes would significantly reduce enjoyment of the area I use on weekends for bushwalking and rock climbing. The noise echos off the cliffs and is noise pollution in this treasured world heratige national park.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2019 10:12 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: lease – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: lease
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? : Paragliding at Blackheath
Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : Negatively - flight paths will impact paragliding safety
Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: One of the best paragliding and hang gliding sites in Australia
Do you have any other comments?:

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I would like my contact details to be treated as confidential: Yes, remove my contact details before my submission is published

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 21 June 2019 11:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, Jun 19, 2019 at 3:35 PM
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]
To: <Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au>

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: 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? : As it's an Airfield I don't have direct connection with the site! It's the impact that the commercialization of the site that's going to affect me and others.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the : There are no positive impacts for the development of this airfield except for a small powerful minority who want to make money with no consideration for others. Having looked at the limited plans that the

ways you currently use or enjoy the site? :

company have allowed to be exhibited the impact spreads far and wide from the site itself and the principal issue is the use of Helicopters rather than that of Fixed Wing aircraft (to which I have no objection). I and the majority of Australians it seems enjoy (bush) walking and seeing the sights. Most of the 5m visitors to the Blue Mountains enjoy this too, only a tiny minority will pay for helicopter flights. My original reason for becoming involved with this issue is because I have previous experience dealing with a helicopter operator. In my case it was Endeavour Energy who had hired a company to survey the power lines to identify areas where vegetation could cause a possible fire. This was a worthy enterprise but the individual staff behaved it a cavalier manner towards their job. I and my neighbours were subjected to helicopter noise repeatedly and unnecessarily. I had done similar work before so could see what it was they were supposed to be doing, they did not do it. After repeated complaints over a two year period to Endeavour Energy and to the local MP it was brought under control. That was brief summary of the trouble I experienced and the amount of recording, telephoning and emailing I had to do. **THE POINT OF ALL THIS IS THAT HELICOPTERS ARE A TERRIBLE NOISE MAKER AND THEY CAN HOVER FOR LONG PERIODS IN ONE SPOT AND FLY WHERE EVER THEY LIKE.** The actions of helicopter pilots will not only make residents lives a misery but totally spoil the very peace that tourists and Sydneysiders come to the Blue Mountains for. Some local business people believe that they may get a secondary windfall from these tourists but it is obvious from the flight plans that there will be no STOP OVER for this to happen, it will be very much a fly in fly out operation.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

I do not want my name published as the applicant is a very unpleasant person and I do not wish to have him know.

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 2 August 2019 4:48 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Personal – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Personal
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? : I don't use the site currently but I live nearby so will be affected.

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 fact is that if joy flights around the mounatins is approved it will have a huge impact on residents and tourists living or visiting the Blue Mountains as the noise pollution will be extreme compared to the usual serenity and peace this environment provides.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: It is really not only the site itself but all flight paths of these 'joy' flights. Let's protect this sacred land and sky. This is our home. A safe and peaceful place, so yes it is very important to me and my family.

Do you have any other comments?: Please truly consider the impact this will have on the people, animals and the environment if this proposal goes ahead.

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I would like my submission to be treated as confidential: No, publish my submission

I would like my contact details to be treated as confidential: Yes, remove my contact details before my submission is published

From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Saturday, 3 August 2019 11:50 AM
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]
[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? : I am a private pilot and owner of a single engine certified aircraft for personal recreational purposes based at Bankstown Airport, NSW.

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 has my full support. It includes remediation of an essential aviation asset. I provides critical emergency services infrastructure to the Blue Mountains area for both fire fighting and medical emergency use. It also brings enhancements to safety for aircraft in the vicinity and enhances social use of an asset to the benefit of a wide community group.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

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Publication of your details:

I would like my submission to be treated as confidential: No, publish my submission

I would like my contact details to be treated as confidential: Yes, remove my contact details before my submission is published

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 21 July 2019 2:25 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: [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 to voice my opposition to the commercialization of the Katoomba Airfield and support it's incorporation into the National Park, for emergency use only. I have been a frequent visitor to the Blue Mountains for the past 10 years where I have enjoyed the peace and tranquility of its hiking trails and surrounding state pine forests. In the past 4 years I have increased my visits to the Blue Mountains as I have enjoyed going on silent meditation retreats in Blackheath, for 10 days at a time. It is imperative that the airspace surrounding the Blue Mountains and Blackheath is kept quiet as the meditation technique relies on this silence to enable meditation practitioners to focus. In return, the meditation technique brings an vast array of improvements in general well-being, mental health, clarity of mind and feelings of greater peace within and to others. Living and working in Sydney has brought about my poor mental health, and I retreat to the mountains to improve my mental health, well-being and to clear my mind. Without the silence and tranquility afforded by a non-commercial airspace/airfield, I wouldn't have this option to regulate my mental health. I therefore urge you to reconsider the commercialization of Katoomba Airfield as a critical matter of mental health, not only for the people of Sydney and the Blue Mountains, but also the native wild-life and plant habitats as well.

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

It is imperative that the airspace surrounding the Blue Mountains and Blackheath is kept quiet as the meditation technique being practiced at the Vipassana Meditation Centre in Blackheath relies on silence to enable meditation practitioners to focus. Helicopters operating overhead or around the centre will inevitably create noise that will distract meditators from their practice. The precision and focus necessary to meditate cannot be achieved with the increased noise. Meditation brings a wide array of benefits including improved mental health, clarity of mind and feelings of greater joy and peace towards others and within. It

would be deplorable to impair the mental health and well-being of silent retreat meditators in order to gratify the simple fancies of helicopter joy-riding tourists.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

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No, publish my submission

I would like my contact details to be treated as confidential:

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2019 9:42 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: [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 am not a stakeholder in the site

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : They wouldn't change

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: No

Do you have any other comments?: Go for it.

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Publication of your details:

I would like my submission to be treated as confidential: No, publish my submission

I would like my contact details to be treated as confidential: Yes, remove my contact details before my submission is published

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2019 2:55 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: 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? : I have visited the blue mountains for over 30 years, At least monthly for bushwalking; and also do silent meditation retreats at the Vipassana centre in Blackheath. I have friends who I visit in the area also

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : Low-flying helicopter and small plane noise will Significantly spoil the enjoyment of bushwalkers who are attracted to the area by the opportunity To be in pristine nature away from the traffic noise of Sydney. Even the sound of drones, which has become more common recently is highly disturbing. Helicopter flights will shatter the experience that thousands of people of all ages have enjoyed for over 100 years in this area

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: I like thousands of others have enjoyed the benefits of meditation learned through retreats in the Blue Mountains. Again intermittent loud helicopter noise is totally incompatible with the environment required for such practices

Do you have any other comments?:

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Publication of your details:

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I would like my contact details to be treated as confidential: Yes, remove my contact details before my submission is published

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 17 July 2019 11:03 AM
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? :

I currently live at an address that is within two hundred meters of the flight path that is proposed for landing. My acoustic privacy will be impacted profoundly from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. I attend meditation retreats at Meadlow Bath that will have acoustic privacy profoundly impacted by this development, not just by the flight path but by the significant increase in traffic to and from the airfield that will pass directly in front of the centre (Blue Mountains Insight Meditation Centre, Rutland Road Meadlow Bath). I frequently go bushwalking in the Grose, Jamison and Megalong valleys all three of which will be impacted heavily by helicopter and fixed wing 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? :

At home I will experience frequent noisy periods due to helicopters and aircraft coming in to land. At the point they pass my house they will be at a low altitude and only a couple of hundred meters away. This is true for much of North Katoomba. The aircraft and helicopters will also be clearly visible from my living room. I will no longer be able to relax and enjoy the tranquility of this location which is the precise reason I bought into this area. I will no longer be able to record music at home. It will be impossible to sleep in due to the operating hours of the proposed licence being first light to last light. To put it bluntly my quality of life will be ruined by this proposed enterprise. The value of my property will be reduced significantly as one of the prime selling points is the tranquility of the neighbourhood. As above for the meditation retreat at Meadlow Bath. With regards to bushwalking, the natural tranquility of the blue mountains will be forever lost if this enterprise is allowed to operate from the Katoomba Airfield. The proximity of the airfield to the majority of the upper mountains valleys and their walks makes the profound acoustic and visual impacts of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft unavoidable. It would be a tragic loss not only for the residents of the Blue Mountains who choose to live here

but also for the hundreds of thousands of Sydney residents and international tourists who travel to our world heritage listed area regularly to experience the tranquility and majesty of the area. It is preposterous that so many people lose this opportunity to experience this amazing area for the sake of profit for a handful of people.

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

It is public land within a world heritage listed area.

Do you have any other comments?:

The site is within the boundaries of the world heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park and is public land. Therefore this land should not be put to use for a commercial enterprise that will destroy the natural tranquility and beauty of the national park at the expense of local residents and the tourism industry that supports our region. This land should be incorporated into the national park. If an emergency landing strip is of prime importance then the government ought to allocate some amount of money to grade the current site. The justification that a large scale commercial joy flight operation is required to maintain an emergency landing site is disingenuous at best, and is frankly unwarranted and unjustifiable given the location in question. Thank you for your consideration of these important issues.

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 2 August 2019 4:43 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: 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? :
I am a long-term resident of Katoomba and I work closely with environmental groups and scientists in the Blue Mountains. I appreciate that the airfield is currently used by the Fire Service and the National Parks and Wildlife Service for emergency fire management services and I feel very strongly that this airfield should be granted to our local land and fire management agencies for use whenever they need it.

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 for the peace, quiet and nature. As an environmentalist and a resident, I deeply oppose a commercial airfield operating near my home, disturbing wildlife, reducing air quality, creating noise and destroying the general serenity of the area. I am also concerned that having aircraft operating in a tourist hub will actually destroy the tourism experience.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?:
It is important to me that it is left undisturbed and undeveloped, only for use when necessary by our land and fire management agencies.

Do you have any other comments?:
This is a terrible idea that is being met with overwhelming opposition by locals. Residents live here and tourists come to the Blue Mountains to hike in nature, bask in abundant wildlife, breathe fresh air, and enjoy peace and quiet. A commercial airfield is the opposite of all that. It's a terrible idea and I can't believe it is being considered, especially given our current climate change and biodiversity crisis. We should be growing and nurturing all parks and natural spaces, not destroying them with unnecessary carbon + noise polluting operations.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 20 June 2019 9:46 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: 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 regularly walk and do canyons in the area surrounding Katoomba Airfield. It's a very calming place which I have a strong personal connection to.

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'm very concerned about additional noise and traffic in the area which will ruin the serenity of the National Park.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: Yes but they are private.

Do you have any other comments?: This proposed lease will benefit a minority of people at the expense of local residents and wildlife. The Airfield should be part of the National Park.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 June 2019 2:46 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: 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? : I do not use the site but I enjoy the quiet in the surrounding areas which the absence of flights from the site allows.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : My particular concern is that helicopters may be allowed to use the site. The noise from helicopters would be very annoying and be detrimental to the wellbeing of locals and the enjoyment of the quiet of the bush by visitors and locals alike.

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

Do you have any other comments?: Birds cannot be heard over helicopters

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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 – [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 11 July 2019 6:37 PM
To: 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 : LX 602686

Your details

First name: Jeffrey
Last name: Alexander
Organisation: N/A
Postal address: [REDACTED]
Suburb: Katoomba
State: NSW
Postcode: 2780
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 actually use the old Katoomba Airstrip site, but live relatively close to the site and feel that the Blue Mountains World Heritage National Park and mountain residents and visitors I would be negatively impacted by the proposed development of the airstrip for fixed wing and helicopter tourist flights was to be approved.

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 I live in North Katoomba I would be negatively impacted by the noise of inbound and outbound flights. Since the applicant proposes to conduct flights 7 days per week from first light until just before dark, the noise impact would be UNBEARABLE, not only destroying the relative peace of the local environment and my home, but also having an impact on my health and the value of my property. Small aircraft travelling well north of Minni Ha Ha Falls currently have a significant noise impact on me and other North Katoomba residents, even though they are travelling higher and further away than planes would be flying to and from the proposed Katoomba airstrip.

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

The Katoomba airstrip is surrounded by World Heritage listed national park. To allow regular commercial use of this airstrip would disrespect the precious values of our national park - destroying the peace and tranquility of nature and polluting this precious place.

Do you have any other comments?:

During serious bush fires and other emergencies in the mountains, the airstrip is an invaluable resource and I fully support the continued use of the airstrip for emergency purposes. I do NOT support the use of this

public land for private profit. I would like to see the land in question retain emergency aviation facilities but be incorporated into the surrounding World Heritage national park, so that its future as public land will be assured.

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 8:29 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 2:25 PM
To: 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 to voice my opposition to the commercialization of the Katoomba Airfield and support it's incorporation into the National Park, for emergency use only. I have been a frequent visitor to the Blue Mountains for the past 10 years where I have enjoyed the peace and tranquility of its hiking trails and surrounding state pine forests. In the past 4 years I have increased my visits to the Blue Mountains as I have enjoyed going on silent meditation retreats in Blackheath, for 10 days at a time. It is imperative that the airspace surrounding the Blue Mountains and Blackheath is kept quiet as the meditation technique relies on this silence to enable meditation practitioners to focus. In return, the meditation technique brings an vast array of improvements in general well-being, mental health, clarity of mind and feelings of greater peace within and to others. Living and working in Sydney has brought about my poor mental health, and I retreat to the mountains to improve my mental health, well-being and to clear my mind. Without the silence and tranquility afforded by a non-commercial airspace/airfield, I wouldn't have this option to regulate my mental health. I therefore urge you to reconsider the commercialization of Katoomba Airfield as a critical matter of mental health, not only for the people of Sydney and the Blue Mountains, but also the native wild-life and plant habitats as well.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either Blackheath is kept quiet as the meditation technique being practiced at

positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : the Vipassana Meditation Centre in Blackheath relies on silence to enable meditation practitioners to focus. Helicopters operating overhead or around the centre will inevitably create noise that will distract meditators from their practice. The precision and focus necessary to meditate cannot be achieved with the increased noise. Meditation brings a wide array of benefits including improved mental health, clarity of mind and feelings of greater joy and peace towards others and within. It would be deplorable to impair the mental health and well-being of silent retreat meditators in order to gratify the simple fancies of helicopter joy-riding tourists.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 4 August 2019 7:01 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba airfield - [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Katoomba airfield
Reference : 602686

Your details

First name: [REDACTED]
Last name: [REDACTED]
Organisation:
Postal address: [REDACTED]
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? : For exercise and leisure I ride a bicycle to the site and surrounding area.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : Natural native environments are becoming rare, Peace and quiet is hard to find in daily busy noisy lives. Don't let another place of beauty and tranquility be spoilt by unnessesary overbearing noise. This land should become national park and be protected for generations.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: The Blue Mountains are a healing place. not for commercialisation!

Do you have any other comments?:

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I would like my contact details to be treated as confidential: Yes, remove my contact details before my submission is published

From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 4 August 2019 3:13 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: lease – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: lease
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? : I do not use the site currently

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 do not use the site so whatever happens will not impact my use of same

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: no

Do you have any other comments?: IN our view there has been considerable misinformation and hysteria about the proposed commercialisation of this airfield which has clouded the facts of the matter and presented a one sided perspective of this important issue by a relatively small group of militant people with vested interests rather than looking at it from the “common good “ point of view. In short ,we support the reopening of this airfield for the following reasons: -This airfield was established in the sixties .It predates those vocal residents by a wide margin and who purchased their properties with the full knowledge that an airfield existed close by and could be operational at any time. -Use in times of emergency to address both personal and large scale situations has been well documented and there appears to be acceptance for this purpose.This is just common sense. However, who is going to pay for maintenance of the airfield for this sole purpose if the airfield is not being operated commercially ???Global warming means more natural disasters-this airport will become increasingly in demand as a result -it will need to be kept in good operating condition with modern facilities available all the time-Will the residents be happy to pay for this thru their rates ???? -There are over 40 regional airports in NSW the vast majority of which

service a population smaller than the BM LGA- so why don't we have an airport? -Of the top 10 tourist destinations in NSW the only one without an airport is Blue Mountains-why is that ? -We are lucky and privileged to live in a beautiful part of our country and the price for doing so is that we must share it with visitors eager to experience what we have to offer .We cannot be selective as to who visits our area nor the means by which they do so. In this day and age more people are travelling and touring by non traditional methods for reasons of limited time and reduced costs.-we need an airport to give access to visitors who choose to tour using those means as they have available to them everywhere else-why should we be different and exclusive and why should a small group of vocal militants dictate to the rest of us what we can and cannot do-this is becoming increasingly the norm on so many issues. -Blue Mountains tourism needs new and additional attractions- it cannot continue to rely on the tired old traditional ones if we are going to see the tourism industry grow and provide increasing benefits to the community through such growth. Scenic flights over the natural beauty of the Blue Mountains will open up areas that otherwise are inaccessible and only add to the attractiveness of the Blue Mountains as a unique destination. -The primary argument against the proposal seems to be helicopter noise- this is misleading - small helicopters at 500ft generate approx 70dB-ie less than a chain saw or domestic lawnmower. The current attitude is a gross overreaction and lack of realistic understanding of the real noise generated by small helicopters of the type mostly used for tourism. Unlimited Railway and traffic noise is likely to continue to be far more intrusive than limited helicopter noise -shall we limit those modes as well ??? Helicopter usage will be always limited by its cost and other limitations such as weather so it is likely flight numbers will be constrained in any event but notwithstanding I agree that initially at least there should be a ceiling on the number of non emergency helicopter flights daily but not on fixed wing flights. Operating hours and minimum operating heights should likewise be fixed as should flight paths of ingress and egress over non residential areas which I believe the operators have already indicated such is their intention . Helicopter usage for tourism and scenic flights is increasing everywhere, Hawaii, Queenstown, Heli Skiing,etc etc the list is endless except in China where the regime wont allow it for internal security reasons. If Helicopter flights are prevented from operating out of Katoomba airfield then those looking to use same will operate from outside the area without any controls whatsoever also excluding any economic benefit to the BMCC LGA as those tourists wont visit the area. I also question the legitimacy of the petition said to contain 12000 signatures as many of those petitioners reside outside the BMCC LGA.

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Sunday, 4 August 2019 3:31 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? : I am a resident of the Blue Mountains, and a keen bush-walker of the area. I choose to live in the Blue Mountains because of its natural beauty and serenity. It is my escape from the hustle and bustle of the city and suburbs.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : My enjoyment of the serenity of this area will be severely negatively impacted by noise pollution from proposed joy-flights. The subtle sounds of birdlife and the wind in the trees will be overrun by those of aircraft engines. I am very concerned about the possible high frequency of joy flights.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: I value this area's national parks has having a sense of timelessness, as it is largely unspoilt by modern intrusion. Joy flights will ruin this sense of timelessness through their visual presence and noise pollution.

Do you have any other comments?:

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 2:13 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: [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? : Paragliding or Hang Gliding from the nearby Mt Blackheath

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : Proposed flight paths will have a negative impact on public use of the Mt Blackheath site. Aerial collisions is something that should be avoided at all costs.

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

The Mt Blackheath site is mostly used during specific conditions (daylight hours, westerly winds under 30km/h). Outside those conditions, the site would be free to use for commercial aviation.

Do you have any other comments?:

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Sent: Sunday, 4 August 2019 3:13 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: lease – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: lease
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Your details

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Organisation:
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Your feedback

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I do not use the site currently

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 do not use the site so whatever happens will not impact my use of same

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: no

Do you have any other comments?: IN our view there has been considerable misinformation and hysteria about the proposed commercialisation of this airfield which has clouded the facts of the matter and presented a one sided perspective of this important issue by a relatively small group of militant people with vested interests rather than looking at it from the “common good “ point of view. In short ,we support the reopening of this airfield for the following reasons: -This airfield was established in the sixties .It predates those vocal residents by a wide margin and who purchased their properties with the full knowledge that an airfield existed close by and could be operational at any time. -Use in times of emergency to address both personal and large scale situations has been well documented and there appears to be acceptance for this purpose.This is just common sense. However, who is going to pay for maintenance of the airfield for this sole purpose if the airfield is not being operated commercially ???Global warming means more natural disasters-this airport will become increasingly in demand as a result -it will need to be kept in good operating condition with modern facilities available all the time-Will the residents be happy to pay for this thru their rates ???? -There are over 40 regional airports in NSW the vast majority of which

service a population smaller than the BM LGA- so why don't we have an airport? -Of the top 10 tourist destinations in NSW the only one without an airport is Blue Mountains-why is that ? -We are lucky and privileged to live in a beautiful part of our country and the price for doing so is that we must share it with visitors eager to experience what we have to offer .We cannot be selective as to who visits our area nor the means by which they do so. In this day and age more people are travelling and touring by non traditional methods for reasons of limited time and reduced costs.-we need an airport to give access to visitors who choose to tour using those means as they have available to them everywhere else-why should we be different and exclusive and why should a small group of vocal militants dictate to the rest of us what we can and cannot do-this is becoming increasingly the norm on so many issues. -Blue Mountains tourism needs new and additional attractions- it cannot continue to rely on the tired old traditional ones if we are going to see the tourism industry grow and provide increasing benefits to the community through such growth. Scenic flights over the natural beauty of the Blue Mountains will open up areas that otherwise are inaccessible and only add to the attractiveness of the Blue Mountains as a unique destination. -The primary argument against the proposal seems to be helicopter noise- this is misleading - small helicopters at 500ft generate approx 70dB-ie less than a chain saw or domestic lawnmower. The current attitude is a gross overreaction and lack of realistic understanding of the real noise generated by small helicopters of the type mostly used for tourism. Unlimited Railway and traffic noise is likely to continue to be far more intrusive than limited helicopter noise -shall we limit those modes as well ??? Helicopter usage will be always limited by its cost and other limitations such as weather so it is likely flight numbers will be constrained in any event but notwithstanding I agree that initially at least there should be a ceiling on the number of non emergency helicopter flights daily but not on fixed wing flights. Operating hours and minimum operating heights should likewise be fixed as should flight paths of ingress and egress over non residential areas which I believe the operators have already indicated such is their intention . Helicopter usage for tourism and scenic flights is increasing everywhere, Hawaii, Queenstown, Heli Skiing,etc etc the list is endless except in China where the regime wont allow it for internal security reasons. If Helicopter flights are prevented from operating out of Katoomba airfield then those looking to use same will operate from outside the area without any controls whatsoever also excluding any economic benefit to the BMCC LGA as those tourists wont visit the area. I also question the legitimacy of the petition said to contain 12000 signatures as many of those petitioners reside outside the BMCC LGA.

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Your feedback

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I have attended a 10 day meditation retreat at Dhamma Bhumi this year and intend to do so in future. I am also a regular bushwalker and enjoy many of the hiking trails throughout the Blue Mountains.

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

Should commercial activity at the airfield expand, I am concerned that the level of noise will have a detrimental impact on courses run at the Dhamma Bhumi centre. The tranquility of the grounds at Dhamma Bhumi are critical to the experience meditation students enjoy. The practice of Vipassana meditation demands withdrawal from outside influences; students maintain silence amongst themselves for 10 days, with no access to internet, phone or any other external influences. The aim of this practice is to remove as many distractions as possible, enabling meditators to increase the concentration of their practice. Dhamma Bhumi already suffers some noise from the rail transport nearby. Having the noise of helicopters flying over multiple times a day would significantly diminish the site's effectiveness as a place of retreat. As a nature-lover, I am also concerned about the effects of noise pollution on native bird populations. Whilst the airfield's use by emergency services is vital and absolutely appropriate, given the landscape's susceptibility to bushfire - I have grave concerns about the commercial expansion of airfield services. Even if the proposed lease does not have immediate intentions to do so, in leasing the premises

there will be nothing to prevent them from doing so in future.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

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We currently do not have this available to us here in the mountains and as the mountains becomes busier the current road network is not capable of handling

any major incident.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission and may the final decision consider all of the residents of the Blue Mountains and our safety in the future.

Could I please ask that my email address remain confidential . Thank you.

Yours Sincerely ,

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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 pilot I currently cannot land there. If it was open and active it would make flying over the blue mountains safer and pleasant for all lite aircraft

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Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: While the submission to use the airfield mentions tourist amenity, if successful, it would be detrimental to tourist amenity because of the noise pollution. Tourists come here because it is quieter than the city, more noise would destroy that quiet for residents and tourists.

Do you have any other comments?: Please do not approve the submission.

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Having the proposed lease agreement go ahead will positively impact the aviation community, local business and tourism, and be able to retain the history associated with Katoomba airfield.

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Do you have any other comments?:

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Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : Noisy air traffic will impinge on my enjoyment of the mountains, and negatively impact the world heritage listing.
Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: Yes.
Do you have any other comments?: Please don't allow any more air traffic in the mountains.

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Your feedback

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I enjoy walking and relaxing in many bushland areas around the airfield site - areas around Mt Victoria, Blackheath, Meadlow Bath and Katoomba. I also live in Blackheath on the side closest to Meadlow Bath where the airstrip is located. I walk in these areas every day and live in Blackheath permanently. I enjoy the quiet, and being in nature and enjoy observing birds and other wildlife. I also paraglide from the Mt Blackheath launch site.

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Regular and frequent flights from the Katoomba airstrip would severely impact on my and my families enjoyment of the area. We have lived here for 12 years and moved here because of the wild, places and unique natural environment. Planes and helicopters flying around for scenic and other flights are noisy and unnecessary and would destroy the very thing that tourists come here for - enjoying nature, walking, rock climbing and unwinding. Flights would also impact severely on the paraglider and hang-glider pilots flying from Mt Blackheath - there are not a lot of good flyable months (and days) of the year for these pilots, and plane/helicopter flights would also impact this (possibly preventing this activity!).

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

The fact that the airstrip is in a water catchment area also concerns me, as increasing infrastructure and traffic in the area will no doubt have an impact on the water quality.

Do you have any other comments?:

It is now well documented that humans NEED to be out in the tranquility of nature for their well-being, and to impact heavily on this experience for all the locals and tourists who live in and visit the Blue Mountains, is depriving this liberty, all for the selfish indulgence of a few who want to pay the huge price for a scenic flight. This kind of activity and its associate noise pollution, is not respectful at all of why the Blue Mountains is so special. There is already a lot of air traffic when search and rescue undertake various activities, and when aerial fire fighting takes place, and where this kind of air traffic is necessary for safety reasons,

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Your feedback

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I regularly walk and do canyons in the area surrounding Katoomba Airfield. It's a very calming place which I have a strong personal connection to.

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'm very concerned about additional noise and traffic in the area which will ruin the serenity of the National Park.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: Yes but they are private.

Do you have any other comments?: This proposed lease will benefit a minority of people at the expense of local residents and wildlife. The Airfield should be part of the National Park.

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Your feedback

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I do not use the site but I enjoy the quiet in the surrounding areas which the absence of flights from the site allows.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : My particular concern is that helicopters may be allowed to use the site. The noise from helicopters would be very annoying and be detrimental to the wellbeing of locals and the enjoyment of the quiet of the bush by visitors and locals alike.

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

Do you have any other comments?: Birds cannot be heard over helicopters

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Your feedback

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

I would like to voice my opposition to the commercialization of the Katoomba Airfield and support it's incorporation into the National Park, for emergency use only. I have been a frequent visitor to the Blue Mountains for the past 10 years where I have enjoyed the peace and tranquility of its hiking trails and surrounding state pine forests. In the past 4 years I have increased my visits to the Blue Mountains as I have enjoyed going on silent meditation retreats in Blackheath, for 10 days at a time. It is imperative that the airspace surrounding the Blue Mountains and Blackheath is kept quiet as the meditation technique relies on this silence to enable meditation practitioners to focus. In return, the meditation technique brings an vast array of improvements in general well-being, mental health, clarity of mind and feelings of greater peace within and to others. Living and working in Sydney has brought about my poor mental health, and I retreat to the mountains to improve my mental health, well-being and to clear my mind. Without the silence and tranquility afforded by a non-commercial airspace/airfield, I wouldn't have this option to regulate my mental health. I therefore urge you to reconsider the commercialization of Katoomba Airfield as a critical matter of mental health, not only for the people of Sydney and the Blue Mountains, but also the native wild-life and plant habitats as well.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either Blackheath is kept quiet as the meditation technique being practiced at

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How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I often go for walks in the area and I meditate regularly at the Vipassana Meditation Centre.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : Low flying aircraft noise would negatively impact the meditation centre as the noise pollution would greatly disturb the tranquility of the centre and my privacy would be breached from tourists flying overhead. This applies to bush-walks too.

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

Do you have any other comments?: I object to the crown land being used for commercial purposes and believe the land should be transferred to the national park immediately so it can be protected, and the current dirt strip should be used for emergency services only.

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Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: Yes.
Do you have any other comments?: Please don't allow any more air traffic in the mountains.

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Subject: FW: Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, 21 July 2019 12:32 PM
To: 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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Last name: [REDACTED]
Organisation: [REDACTED]
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? : I often go for walks in the area and I meditate regularly at the Vipassana Meditation Centre.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : Low flying aircraft noise would negatively impact the meditation centre as the noise pollution would greatly disturb the tranquility of the centre and my privacy would be breached from tourists flying overhead. This applies to bush-walks too.

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

Do you have any other comments?: I object to the crown land being used for commercial purposes and believe the land should be transferred to the national park immediately so it can be protected, and the current dirt strip should be used for emergency services only.

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I would like my submission to be treated as confidential: No, publish my submission

I would like my contact details to be treated as confidential: Yes, remove my contact details before my submission is published

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 3 July 2019 3:02 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

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Your feedback

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

I enjoy walking and relaxing in many bushland areas around the airfield site - areas around Mt Victoria, Blackheath, Meadlow Bath and Katoomba. I also live in Blackheath on the side closest to Meadlow Bath where the airstrip is located. I walk in these areas every day and live in Blackheath permanently. I enjoy the quiet, and being in nature and enjoy observing birds and other wildlife. I also paraglide from the Mt Blackheath launch site.

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

Regular and frequent flights from the Katoomba airstrip would severely impact on my and my families enjoyment of the area. We have lived here for 12 years and moved here because of the wild, places and unique natural environment. Planes and helicopters flying around for scenic and other flights are noisy and unnecessary and would destroy the very thing that tourists come here for - enjoying nature, walking, rock climbing and unwinding. Flights would also impact severely on the paraglider and hang-glider pilots flying from Mt Blackheath - there are not a lot of good flyable months (and days) of the year for these pilots, and plane/helicopter flights would also impact this (possibly preventing this activity!).

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

The fact that the airstrip is in a water catchment area also concerns me, as increasing infrastructure and traffic in the area will no doubt have an impact on the water quality.

Do you have any other comments?:

It is now well documented that humans NEED to be out in the tranquility of nature for their well-being, and to impact heavily on this experience for all the locals and tourists who live in and visit the Blue Mountains, is depriving this liberty, all for the selfish indulgence of a few who want to pay the huge price for a scenic flight. This kind of activity and its associate noise pollution, is not respectful at all of why the Blue Mountains is so special. There is already a lot of air traffic when search and rescue undertake various activities, and when aerial fire fighting takes place, and where this kind of air traffic is necessary for safety reasons,

adding scenic flights into the mix will make for very chaotic air space over the area.

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Sent: Sunday, 4 August 2019 11:57 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: [REDACTED] – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: [REDACTED]
Reference : 602686

Your details

First name: [REDACTED]
Last name: [REDACTED]
Organisation: N/A
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Suburb: [REDACTED]
State: [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? : I carried out a tree survey of the site in 2016. The plant communities of the site sport a diverse mixture of native fauna that uses the area for foraging and nesting. This includes species like the Yellow-tailed black cockatoo.

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 development of the area for commercial use will cause destruction of native bushland, loss of habitat will put added pressure on the native fauna population in the area. The ongoing noise created by the aircraft will also disturb existing fauna populations. The replanting of trees does not recreate the biodiversity that already exists across the area.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: The site should be transferred to the national park. The Blue Mountains National Park is already under increased pressure from tourism and the plan to raise the Warragamba Dam wall. The national park is the last refuge for flora and fauna. The buffer areas within and around the national park need to be protected.

Do you have any other comments?: In my profession as an [REDACTED], I have been involved in assessing thousands of trees growing on hundreds of proposed commercial development sites. Despite my attempts to achieve a balance between the needs of the development and retention of some trees, without exception, the clearing is always greater than needed because of the lack of value placed on the natural environment. These areas are part of the buffer to the national park. The intrusion by more developments with the further clearing of native bushland, noise pollution and increased human activity for profit should be weighed up against the impact on the natural environment of the area. All I have seen over the last 6 years is relentless land clearing across NSW and the slow death by a thousand cuts of the natural environment.

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Sent: Sunday, 4 August 2019 3:31 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:
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 am a resident of the Blue Mountains, and a keen bush-walker of the area. I choose to live in the Blue Mountains because of its natural beauty and serenity. It is my escape from the hustle and bustle of the city and suburbs.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : My enjoyment of the serenity of this area will be severely negatively impacted by noise pollution from proposed joy-flights. The subtle sounds of birdlife and the wind in the trees will be overrun by those of aircraft engines. I am very concerned about the possible high frequency of joy flights.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: I value this area's national parks has having a sense of timelessness, as it is largely unspoilt by modern intrusion. Joy flights will ruin this sense of timelessness through their visual presence and noise pollution.

Do you have any other comments?:

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 28 June 2019 8:08 AM
To: airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: FW: Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 28 June 2019 7:13 AM
To: cl.enquiries@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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Email: [REDACTED]

Your feedback

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I make use of the surrounding areas, including canyons such as Grand canyon, bushwalking areas in the Grose and other surrounding regions. The natural landscape is an essential part of the value of these areas. I have frequented these areas for more than 10 years, usually for weekends, regularly throughout the year.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : Regular commercial flights by helicopters and other aircraft will emphatically degrade the value of the entire region, by noise disturbance that will carry across large areas, and disruption from passing aircraft. A single aircraft in flight will degrade the nature experience for hundreds of walkers or recreationists in the surrounding region, and reduce the benefits provided by outdoor nature activities.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 6 July 2019 12:51 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

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Your details

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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? : We use the area around Katoomba airfield for passive recreation such as bushwalking, birdwatching and enjoying the scenery, 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 lots of noise from flights and from road traffic which will affect wildlife and residents. There will be changes to roads such as widening and an increase in road traffic. There will be many more people visiting the area which will cause damage. There will be negative effects on wildlife and habitat. There will be litter and more pollution and damage to the area.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: This area is important as habitat for wildlife and is an important area for passive recreation. It should not be developed. It should be included in Blue Mountains National Park.

Do you have any other comments?: I am strongly opposed to any commercial lease for this public land. Instead, the land should be included in the Blue Mountains National Park. 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. The airfield should be used only for emergency use.

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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Saturday, 3 August 2019 4:08 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

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Reference : 602686

Your details

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Suburb: [REDACTED]
State: [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? :	I object to this public land being used for commercial purposes. This crown land should be transferred to the national park and protected forever. Keep a working dirt strip at the airfield for emergency use only.
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From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Thursday, 1 August 2019 8:18 AM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: FW: Online submission: Ref No LX 602686 - commercialisation of Katoomba Airfield. – [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 31 July 2019 5:09 PM
To: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Ref No LX 602686 - commercialisation of Katoomba Airfield. – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

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Reference : LX 602686

Your details

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State: [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? :

To whom it may concern I am writing to you in reference to the proposed commercialisation of the Katoomba Airfield and possible allowance of joy flights over the Blue Mountains This is very concerning to me, as a regular visitor to the Blue Mountains, and in particular to the Dhamma Bhumi meditation centre in Blackheath. The peace and tranquility of this area, and its close proximity to Sydney make it a very important resource for local people, nature lovers, bush walkers, AND meditators It would be a terrible shame to allow noisy, polluting commercial flights to take place in this area for the benefit of a few tourists and a commercial interest, to the detriment of everyone else. I have personally experienced the negative impacts of helicopter joyrides in nature. I was hiking the spectacular Kalalau Trail in Kauai, Hawaii and helicopter rides were a constant loud annoyance marring the experience of being in peaceful nature. I appreciate your time in considering my submission, and hope to see the Blue Mountain remaining a tranquil and quiet place, befitting it's natural state, to visit in the future.

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

It would be a terrible shame to allow noisy, polluting commercial flights to take place in this area for the benefit of a few tourists and a commercial interest, to the detriment of everyone else.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 June 2019 6:39 PM
To: Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba Airfield – [REDACTED]

Dealing/activity

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Postal address:
Suburb:
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Postcode: [REDACTED]
Email:

Your feedback

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I live in the Blue Mountains, underneath where the proposed scenic flights will occur. I run a small business from home and very frequently produce videos as part of my work.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : More flights in the Blue Mountains will have a very negative impact on my ability to work from home. There is already substantial aircraft noise that means I have to pause in filming or start again. And noise pollution is already set to increase with the building of the Western Sydney Airport. I believe that it is very unwise to allow even more aircraft noise to disrupt local businesses and families.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: The noise pollution from this proposal will also affect the quality of life for all residents of the Blue Mountains. We deserve to be able to live in our homes, go on walks and visit our favourite lookouts without unnecessary noise pollution.

Do you have any other comments?:

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