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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Sunday, 4 August 2019 6:07 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Crown land - Medlow bath - [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Crown land - Medlow bath  
Reference : 602686

**Your details**

First name: Lloyd  
Last name: Brown  
Organisation:  
Postal address: 2779  
Suburb: Hazelbrook  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2783  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I love this area and with some friends we walk and talk. Each 2 month we are out there .

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 love the peace full area and with the airfield operating this buitifull are will be lost.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: BUSH. We need to keep what we have be for we have nothing.

Do you have any other comments?: We will not let this proposed happen. Have a good day.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 22 July 2019 8:03 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: Marco  
Last name: Bet  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: North Sydney  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2060  
Email:

**Your feedback**

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

1. Presently, the airfield is used only for bushfire fighting, and medical evacuations. To add commercial flights to the airfield, the noise of flights taking off and landing and flying overhead at Dhamma Bhumi meditation centre, the surrounding residences, and around the National Park, would seriously impact the silence and privacy as well as the peace of recreational and restoring health activities undertaken on the natural pristine environment that is now free of noise pollution.  
2. I visit the site regularly

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 stated above. In addition, no study of the environmental impact caused on birds, animals, or humans as well as the noise pollution of commercial flight activities has not been undertaken. The ongoing noise generated by the commercial flights will disrupt for the next 50 years the present peaceful environment, privacy of the community at large, and potentially harming and damaging the value of our pristine National Park flora and fauna. The air pollution generated by the commercial flight will also have a detrimental effect.

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

Yes, the Blue Mountains National Park (BMNP) is a World Heritage Area. For thousands of years, the Blue Mountains have been home to Aboriginal peoples, particularly the Gundungurra and Darug tribes. Even today, there are still plenty of traditional Aboriginal peoples living in the Blue Mountains, where there are now a number of cultural sites that walk visitors through the region's rich past and share the customs and heritage of the local tribes. As well as being culturally significant this part of the Blue Mountains is a popular safe haven for many visitors and local residents.

Do you have any other comments?:

Yes, clearly this lease should not be issued. Any use of the airfield that will have or is likely to have a significant impact on its World Heritage values would breach the (Commonwealth) Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Sunday, 4 August 2019 6:24 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: John  
Last name: Cooke  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Blackheath  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2785  
Email: [REDACTED]

### **Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I do walk ,cycle and live in the area 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? : This area is not suited to noisy commercial activity because we want to hear birds and naturally sounds in nature ,as little noise from machinery as possible.It is becoming far to rare to have such natural environments to enjoy that are not adversely affected by commercial operations. We go to and choose to live in these areas to get away from this type of industry. This land should become national park .

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: Local wildlife could be affected from the noise, that is wildlife that needs protection from human impacts.

Do you have any other comments?:

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Sunday, 4 August 2019 10:47 AM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Proposal to lease Crown land at Medlow Bath (Katoomba Airfield) – [REDACTED]

### Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Proposal to lease Crown land at Medlow Bath (Katoomba Airfield)  
Reference : LX602686

### Your details

First name: John  
Last name: Gerofi  
Organisation:  
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? :

1. I live there and walk in the National Park. 2. I use and enjoy the site every 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? :

Submission on Proposed Development at Katoomba Airport. FlyBlue Management Pty Ltd proposes to revitalise the site as a hub for recreational aviation and promote sustainable management of the site. The applicant believes the lease will provide opportunities to open up substantial parts of the site for bushwalking and other community activities. The FlyBlue proposal claims the following benefits: new and upgraded facilities for visitors to the airfield a biodiversity agreement that will result in substantial planting of new trees an investment that will support tourism and benefit the local economy. The primary intent of the proposal is to provide recreational flights over the upper Blue Mountains. It must be concluded that either helicopters or light planes will fly low over the major tourist areas and over the more spectacular wilderness areas of the National Park, on short scenic flights. It must be assumed that each flight will be between 30 minutes and 1 hour. We believe that this proposal is not in the public interest, and that it will cause substantial environmental degradation. The reasons for this are given below. Noise Helicopters and light planes, which would be used in this activity, will take off and land in close proximity to Medlow Bath and North Katoomba. This will disturb the tranquillity of these residential areas. The aircraft will no doubt fly relatively low over the principal tourist attractions, as well as the more remote parts of the National Park. They will probably also be close to other town areas. This will create noise pollution. Helicopters are particularly noisy and disturbing. For every planeload of sightseers (maybe 6) a couple of hundred people will be disturbed by the noise. Visual Pollution The

Blue Mountains has been recognised as a World Heritage area for its outstanding natural beauty, and people come from all over the world to see it. To superimpose low flying aircraft onto this is the very antithesis of what most visitors are coming to see. This is specially the case for those who take the bushwalks that are not near the main tourist destinations. They are seeking to enjoy nature, not the scene of low flying planes. Longer-term environmental effects It is difficult to imagine a recreational activity that is more energy-intensive than taking short flights in small planes and helicopters. As the world begins to recognise the need to conserve fossil fuels, to limit air pollution and limit greenhouse gases, it is inappropriate to introduce such a wasteful use of resources. Safety Light aircraft and helicopters are among the most accident prone of aircraft. Frequent aircraft movements with lots of take-offs and landings will increase the probability of an accident in the Blue Mountains. History of the airport site and previous commitments The Katoomba Airport site was originally part of the National Park, and was subsequently excised. NPWS 'agreed to exclude the airfield from land to be added to the national park at that time provided that the land was added to the National Park upon the expiry of the lease in 1988'. The then Lands Department agreed to this process. (DLWC March 2000, p45). NPWS expressed interest to Dept for land to be added to the National Park Lease was extended for a further 20 years because of the perceived importance of the airfield to the region. The agreement to incorporate land into The National Park was not honoured. A commercial lease granted to Katoomba Airfield Pty Ltd, up to 2008. In the period 1992-95 Helicopter joy flights were operated over the National Park from Airfield. As a result of a community campaign, extra EPA licence conditions were imposed in Dec 1995. As a result, joy flights were discontinued and have not operated since. In 1999-2000, BMCC & NPWS supported the Airfield being incorporated into the National Park. The Dept of Land and Water Conservation report (March 2000) recommended transfer the land to NP In 2008, the commercial lease expired, and the NSW Government proposed sale of the land. BMCC reaffirmed its position of land to NP, opposing private lease & sale of land. In 2017, NPWS reaffirmed interest in obtaining the site. Dept Lands acknowledged agreement that "the land would be returned to the Park" (letter to CASA). The Dept of Industry the called for EOI from parties interested in lease or licence, but NPWS was not invited to submit a case. There is clearly a long history of public desire and intention to transfer the airport to National Parks. This public desire, echoed by the Council, is being frustrated by the Government's current proposal. Conclusion There has been a longstanding intention to transfer the airport site to National Parks, and that is still the wish of the vast majority of residents. The operation of light aircraft and helicopters is noisy, dangerous and causes air pollution. It is a significant contributor to greenhouse gases and global warming. The circulation of low flying aircraft over the natural wonders of the Blue Mountains actually detracts from the very thing that people are coming to see. While such flights may give a few people spectacular views of the Mountains, they will spoil the experience of many more people, who just want to enjoy nature peacefully. The likely employment benefits mentioned by the proponent are likely very small, and more jobs could be lost by the adverse effects of disturbing the environment that currently attracts the visitors. We therefore oppose

this proposal, and believe that the airfield should be maintained by NPWS as an emergency airfield.

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

We moved to this area because of the quiet and the natural beauty.

Do you have any other comments?:

Simply incorporate the site into the national park. Helicopter flights were tried before and were discontinued.

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 22 July 2019 8:27 AM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: Online submission: Pavel Bace - [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 20 July 2019 8:54 PM  
**To:** [cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Online submission: Pavel Bace - [REDACTED]

### Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Pavel Bace  
Reference : 602686

### Your details

First name: Pavel  
Last name: Bace  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Pennant Hills  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2120  
Email: [REDACTED]

### Your feedback

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? :	I have moved to NSW 6 years ago and found that Blue Mountains are one of the most interesting sites along this state. I keep coming back to Blue Mountains regularly, as there so many treks and sites to be explored.
Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? :	Commercial airport would for sure have NEGATIVE impact on all activities my friends and I do in Blue Mountains. I know how flights can be disturbing and interrupting. Please keep Blue Mountains quiet and commercial flights free.
Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?:	It surely is a place which we should respect and keep un-disturbed.
Do you have any other comments?:	Please keep Blue Mountains free from commercial flights.

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

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 21 July 2019 7:26 PM  
**To:** [cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Online submission: Airfield – [REDACTED]

### Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Airfield  
Reference : 602686

### Your details

First name: Miller  
Last name: Brand  
Organisation: N/A  
Postal address: [REDACTED] Vaocluse  
Suburb: Vaocluse  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2478  
Email: [REDACTED]

### Your feedback

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I use the site for retreat and learning purposes. I am regular visitor of the Vipassana centre (located within the proposed flight 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? : The disturbance within the grounds of the mediation centre and surrounding areas will greatly affect my ability to meditate effectively. Peace and silence is essential for meditators like myself to experience real benefits for the duration of our courses. I personally rely heavily on my practice for wellbeing both in and out of my working life.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: I would strongly urge every authority involved to consider the heritage status of this area and make decisions solely on the preservation of natural order. Silence and tranquility is as much important for visiting humans as it is for our wildlife.

Do you have any other comments?:

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 22 July 2019 1:07 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: Online submission: Proposed commercial lease over Katoomba airstrip – [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, 22 July 2019 12:14 PM  
**To:** [cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Online submission: Proposed commercial lease over Katoomba airstrip – [REDACTED]

### Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Proposed commercial lease over Katoomba airstrip

Reference :

### Your details

First name: Howard  
Last name: Wheatley  
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 use the site, but live in the village of Blackheath, in close proximity to 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? :

I am very concerned about the noise impact of the proposed helicopter venture on the tranquility of the nearby residential areas (including where I live) and the surrounding National Park areas. I believe the resultant noise from helicopter operations will also impact heavily on the wildlife in the area.

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

I believe it is important that the site retain its use as an emergency landing strip and for training purposes for emergency workers.

Do you have any other comments?:

I do not believe the proposed tree planting will have any effect on reducing noise levels, or make this proposal any more attractive. I do not believe the proposal, if granted, will be beneficial to the local economy. If anything, it may deter tourists who come to the region for the peace and tranquility of the National Park bushland.

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2019 8:21 AM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: Online submission: Local resident – [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 July 2019 9:21 PM  
**To:** [cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Online submission: Local resident – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Local resident

Reference :

**Your details**

First name: Ross  
Last name: Greer  
Organisation:  
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 currently use this site but in the past have been bushwalking in the area on numerous occasions

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

Being a local resident i am concerned about noise pollution caused by an increase in air traffic. Whilst i appreciate i live near the hospital and the fine job emergency services do their already is quite a number of helicopters that fly over my house. Not only do they disturb my piece(particularly when i am sleeping during the day after night shifts) but i have noticed they also upset local bird populations. Im not asking to stop the emergency services to stop doing the fantastic job they do but i am not prepared for the serenity of my neighborhood and local fauna to be destroyed in the name of tourism and economy. Its the local residents who suffer from this proposal and it is local residents who will receive no benefit from this increase in pollution.

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:** on behalf of [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 21 June 2019 11:40 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Online submission: Katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]

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From: <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Fri, Jun 21, 2019 at 9:10 AM  
Subject: Online submission: Katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]  
To: <[Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au)>

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Katoomba airfield  
Reference : 602686

**Your details**

First name: Sam  
Last name: Murray-o'farrell  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Leura  
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 don't use it at all  
Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : Allies gunna do is leave a big ugly mark in the blue mountains the nosie pollution is going to be way to much. Bad enogh with planes flying over head  
Is the site important to you for any other reasons It will destory a very beautiful place

you have not mentioned?:

Do you have any other comments?: No

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

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 28 June 2019 9:51 PM  
**To:** [cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Online submission: katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]

### Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: katoomba airfield  
Reference :

### Your details

First name: Vivienne  
Last name: Kennedy  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Blackheath  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2785  
Email: [REDACTED]

### Your feedback

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : Bush walking, Meditation, enjoyment of outdoor activities  
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 from helicopter take offs ,flights and landing is intrusive and disturbing creating noise pollution to the otherwise serenity of the area.  
Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: It is crown land land should be part of the national park.  
Do you have any other comments?: Access to the airfield is through residential streets. The impact on wildlife will have a negative impact.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 29 July 2019 5:00 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Katoomba Airfield lease – [REDACTED]

### Dealing/activity

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

### Your details

First name: Lachlan  
Last name: Garland  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Wentworth Falls  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2782  
Email: [REDACTED]

### Your feedback

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

I cannot use the site as it is fenced and not accessible. This is a silly question. However, I enjoy the relative quiet we experience in the Mountains. I enjoy the quiet when walking in Blue Mountains National Park and in particular the Grose Valley Wilderness. Yes it is classified as Wilderness and is part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. This makes it far more important than a commercial enterprise, only used by a few.

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 destroy the quiet I and many, many others currently enjoy. The environment in and around the airfield could also be degraded by spilt fuel, additional construction of buildings, etc.

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

The site is important as an emergency landing area, to be used in the case of bushfire and any other natural disaster. It can also be used by small aircraft should they run into trouble when crossing the Mountains.

Do you have any other comments?:

The airfield was meant to be put into the National Park when the lease expired. Another short term lease was given without any consultation with the Blue Mountains community. Community consultation for this new ridiculously long lease has been appalling. Three messages I want to make are: 1. This public land must not be used for commercial purposes, no new lease ever. 2. This Crown Land must be transferred into the National Park. 3. The airfield must be used for emergency situations only.

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Friday, 28 June 2019 4:10 PM  
**To:** airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: Online submission: Katoomba Airfield, proposed leasing – [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 28 June 2019 2:08 PM  
**To:** [cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Online submission: Katoomba Airfield, proposed leasing – [REDACTED]

### Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Katoomba Airfield, proposed leasing  
Reference : 602686

### Your details

First name: Mark  
Last name: Hillis  
Organisation:  
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? : Residential proximity to the site, and concern about impact for living in 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? : If, as some have suggested, the granting of the lease were to lead to an increase in air traffic (and particularly the interruptive sound of helicopter flights), then I would certainly be concerned about the noise. If there was a likelihood of sub-leasing by the lessee, that would multiply the concern. Bushwalking and meditative interaction with the Blue Mountains terrain is one of the great pleasures of living here and visiting here. Aircraft overhead for any length of time, except in emergencies, is disturbing to one of the most attractive aspects of this environment.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: I would describe the experience of bushwalking and visits to lookouts as 'majestic silence.' It is a profound and spiritual experience to enjoy the immensity of the National Park and to allow the peacefulness to have its impact. In the company of others, I have also found the relative silence to be a special gift of the mountains.

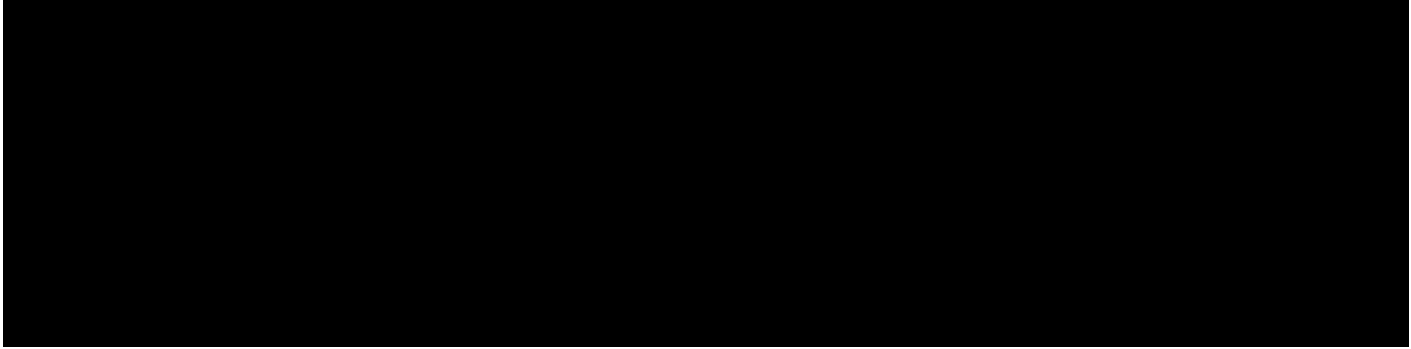
Do you have any other comments?: Whatever is decided, please let the relative tranquility of the Blue Mountains be respected and honoured as a heritage gift to which many generations have contributed, including those of the Darug and Gundungurra peoples. Governments have also shown great foresight by protecting such a wonderful place. Do not betray that heritage.

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Sunday, 4 August 2019 5:56 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Mr Trevor Brown – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Mr Trevor Brown  
Reference : 602686

**Your details**

First name: Trevor  
Last name: Brown  
Organisation: Respite to  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Lawson  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2783  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I take some of our tour group = Respite tours abn 95 071 595 778. It is a disability group were we lave lunch. We use this site eg= every one & half months.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : NEGATIVE. It is a site were we can sit and do counseling . And with the airfield operating we can not continue this service.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: Lets the MTS peace.

Do you have any other comments?: -

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 28 June 2019 2:08 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Katoomba Airfield, proposed leasing – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Katoomba Airfield, proposed leasing  
Reference : 602686

**Your details**

First name: Mark  
Last name: Hillis  
Organisation:  
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? : Residential proximity to the site, and concern about impact for living in 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? : If, as some have suggested, the granting of the lease were to lead to an increase in air traffic (and particularly the interruptive sound of helicopter flights), then I would certainly be concerned about the noise. If there was a likelihood of sub-leasing by the lessee, that would multiply the concern. Bushwalking and meditative interaction with the Blue Mountains terrain is one of the great pleasures of living here and visiting here. Aircraft overhead for any length of time, except in emergencies, is disturbing to one of the most attractive aspects of this environment.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: I would describe the experience of bushwalking and visits to lookouts as 'majestic silence.' It is a profound and spiritual experience to enjoy the immensity of the National Park and to allow the peacefulness to have its impact. In the company of others, I have also found the relative silence to be a special gift of the mountains.

Do you have any other comments?: Whatever is decided, please let the relative tranquility of the Blue Mountains be respected and honoured as a heritage gift to which many generations have contributed, including those of the Darug and Gundungurra peoples. Governments have also shown great foresight by protecting such a wonderful place. Do not betray that heritage.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 31 July 2019 5:24 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Proposed Lease of Katoomba Airfield by FlyBlue - [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Proposed Lease of Katoomba Airfield by FlyBlue  
Reference : 602686

**Your details**

First name: Barbara  
Last name: Rose  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Megalong Valley  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2785  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

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

I have lived in the Megalong Valley since 2004. I chose this location for its privacy and away from the hustle and bustle of the more populated towns in the Blue Mountains. Since the Blue Mountains National Park has been upgraded to World heritage listing I have played an active part in preserving the environmental beauty including flora, fauna, clean air and an environment for people who want to get away from it all. We have seen an increase in vehicle traffic and many people have discovered the uniqueness of the Megalong Valley. This is inevitable as small environmental compatible tourist accommodation and some vineyards and olive groves have been established. People love coming here for horse riding.

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

Most of all our day to day living and environment would be polluted with noise. The Blue Mountains may loose their Heritage listing and this would be a great disadvantage to the local tourist industry. Already people are concerned with increased air traffic possibly from Badgerys creek commercial airport developing. To have a local operator for scenic flights start up as well is just too much!!!. Regular low air traffic would impact on the environment. Tourists may not wish to stay in the Valley if they are subjected to the constant noise of air craft. Horses are flighty creatures and riding may no longer be safe with aircraft flying over. Bird life will definitely disrupted and the area is popular for birdwatching.

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

The Blue Mountains National Park is classed as the most accessible wilderness in Australia with walking paths and lookouts and various ways to view the escarpments and valleys. To allow air traffic fro a few would spoil this environments for Millions of Visitors who want to enjoy nature close up.

Do you have any other comments?:

I am completely astonished that there is no environmental impact study on hand. It seems to be a very hasty process without due diligence of looking at the pros and cons, let alone the derails of the proposal. The

length of the proposed lease is unacceptable.

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 July 2019 11:28 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Online submission: Lease for Crown Land – [REDACTED]



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**From:** <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Tue, 16 Jul 2019 at 23:41  
**Subject:** Online submission: Lease for Crown Land – [REDACTED]  
**To:** <[cl.enquiries@crowmland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.enquiries@crowmland.nsw.gov.au)>

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Lease for Crown Land

Reference :

**Your details**

First name: Rory



Last name: Keyes  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Wentworth Falls  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2782  
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 land because it is private and no one can use 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 believe it would be a good idea to lease the land It will be good for emergency services as well as recreational purposes.

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

Do you have any other comments?:

I think it is silly having an airfield that isn't being used

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 June 2019 8:18 AM  
**To:** airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: 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: Sonya  
Last name: Muhlsimmer  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Hazelbrook  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2779  
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 Blue Mountains and spend most weekends enjoying the National Park bush walking, camping and canyoning. The peace and quiet, and solitude felt in the rugged Blue Mountain bushland is unique.

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 dealing or activity will have a negative impact in the way I currently use this site. Any helicopter flights impact on the quality of bush walks and adversely affect the environment. Noise and air pollution would impact on local fauna, particularly birds. Bush walks in the Mt Hay, Grose Valley, Grand Canyon would be subject to helicopter disturbance. The flight path will be above my house affecting my peace. This use is not compatible with the airfield’s sensitive location—at the top of the Blue Mountains surrounded by world heritage-listed national park.

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

The airfield is currently used by emergency services. I support this continued use.

Do you have any other comments?:

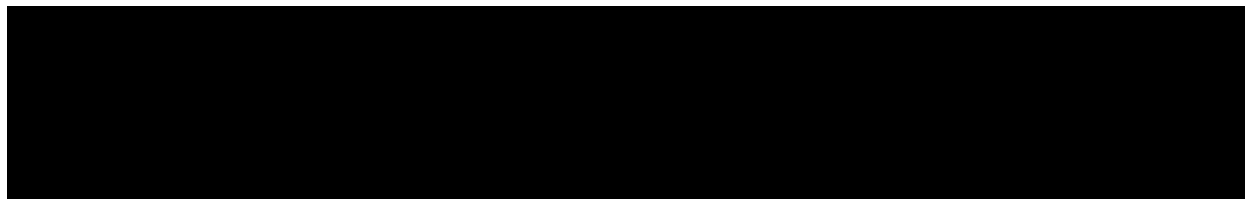
We are asked to make submissions yet we do not have access to the proposed number of flights per day and other information. The airspace above the blue mountains is “uncontrolled” at present. This means any aircraft can fly there whenever they want. This proposal for the site is unacceptable.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 July 2019 5:33 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Katoomba Airfield Revitalisation – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Katoomba Airfield Revitalisation  
Reference : LX 602686

**Your details**

First name: Michael  
Last name: Allsop  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Wagstaffe  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2257  
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 frequently flying over the mountains to/from the Sydney basin and Central Coast. Katoomba is vital to me as a safety precaution due mountain weather or operational issue when flying over rugged terrain.

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 am a pilot resident on the Central Coast, where current airfield assets are under threat of loss to the community. Katoomba is a vital location for aviation related operations whether for tourism/visitation, emergency services operations or for private aircraft emergency diversion due mountain weather. Opening this facility is essential to preservation of aviation-capable spaces in our communities. Once gone they are lost forever. I would certainly use it for local area visitation once re-opened.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: I support local government, state government and federal government initiatives as they arise in respect of regional aviation infrastructure and their importance to local communities for economic activity and for local employment.

Do you have any other comments?:

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 June 2019 8:19 AM  
**To:** airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: 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: Rene  
Last name: Buhler  
Organisation: BMIMC  
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 often participate in meditation retreats at the Blue Mountains Insight Meditation Centre (BMIMC) in Rutland Rd, Medlow Bath. This year I shall be attending 3 retreats there, ranging from 7 to 14 days in length. There are many more retreats at that centre through 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? : The sound of helicopter rides is bound to have an intrusive impact on the meditation centre, making the environment significantly less peaceful .

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

Do you have any other comments?: No

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 31 July 2019 7:10 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Andrea Visacovsky – [REDACTED]

### Dealing/activity

Name of dealing/activity: Andrea Visacovsky  
Reference : 602686

### Your details

First name: Andrea  
Last name: Visacovsky  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Myocum  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2481  
Email: [REDACTED]

### Your feedback

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : Practicing Vipassana Meditation which requires silence, so the passing of helicopters will highly disturb that silence.

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 major impact would be noise, especially from helicopters and low-flying aircraft. This not only affects all those who wish to enjoy the park in all its grandeur and spectacular scenery, but also the wildlife. The park protects a large number of threatened, rare and restricted species. Australian record on extinction is very poor.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: The Blue Mountains National Park (BMNP) is a World Heritage Area. The UNESCO criteria Any use of the airfield that will have or is likely to have a significant impact on its World Heritage values would breach the (Commonwealth) Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. It would require a full Environmental Impact study and the approval of the federal Minister for the Environment. No such study has been done, nor any such approval given.

Do you have any other comments?: The Katoomba Airfield should be merged into National Park as should have happened in 2008. It could still be used for emergency purposes

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 20 July 2019 9:39 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: Antony  
Last name: Mann  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Lawson  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2783  
Email: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I live and work in the Blue Mountains and spend a good deal of my recreation time in the 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? : Aircraft over Blue Mountains wilderness areas will have a negative impact on everyone who uses those areas, including me. The noise and the visual pollution will basically wreck the tranquility of the Blue Mountains, which is its greatest asset.

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

Do you have any other comments?: I think this whole proposal is just idiotic. Has anyone considered the effects of aircraft over the Blue Mountains wilderness areas on tourism? You can have five hundred people at Echo Point at any one time come to see the Megalong, and they all spend money up here. What do people think will happen when there are helicopters and planes out in the valleys? It will frankly ruin the area overnight for hundreds of other businesses. I'm all for small business, but this is just nuts. Do we allow one business to operate in the Blue Mountains at the expense of all the others? I've never heard of such a crazy idea before.

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

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**From:**  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 19, 2019 at 3:46 PM  
**Subject:** Online submission: Proposed lease of Katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]  
**To:** <[Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au)>

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**Dealing/activity**

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

**Your details**

First name: Mike  
Last name: Faine  
Organisation:  
Postal address: 2430  
Suburb: Old Bar  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2430  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : I used to keep my airplane at YKAT when Rod Hay leased the site. That was convenient for me as I then lived in Windsor. It was a good affordable place to base the airplane and is the only airfield in the Mountains, great if needed for an emergency by any pilot crossing the mountains.

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either If the airfield remains open, then it will allow me the ability to re-connect with my Blue Mountains friends, flying is a great way to



positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? overcome the tyranny of distance and the Blue Mountains is a beautiful location to visit anyway.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: The airfield does date back a long time and is popular with pilots. It is also a viable resource for the RFS, as they are able to operate both fixed wing and helicopters from there during the bush fire season. Great back up for Blue Mountain residents.

Do you have any other comments?: The airfield proposal is very reasonable, closing the cross runway and planting more trees is a good idea. Improving the runway surface affords a greater amenity for pilots. The fact that the airfield won't be used for flying training is a plus. YKAT is more suited to experienced flyers, rather than beginners, due to the surrounding bush terrain.

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 July 2019 12:48 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** FW: Online submission: Commercial lease of Katoomba airfield – [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 July 2019 12:12 PM  
**To:** [cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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: Gunter  
Last name: Rogenmoser  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Blackheath  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2785  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? :  
Walks/hikes at Govett's Leap, Bridal Falls, Braeside, Grand Canyon, Point Pilcher Lookout, Pulpit Rock, upper Gross Valley, Junction Rock, Arcadia Flats, Fortress Ridge Lookout, Hat Hill and surroundings. Living at Hat Hill and being retired, I enjoy walks in the affected area 2-3 times a 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 propose lease of the Katoomba airfield has only negative impacts on the area is use for recreational walks/hikes: Excessive noise generated by low flying helicopters and fixed wing aircrafts destroy the quietness enjoyed an walks in the Medlow Bath, Blackheath, Upper Gross Valley area. Noise pollution also has a detrimental effect on the wildlife and their habitats in the UNESCO heritage listed National Park. Living on Hat Hill Rd with view to the Gross Valley escarpment (Fortress Rock) will get noise pollution from the low flying aircrafts along the ridge or across the upper Gross Valley. The noise generated by the aircraft will be amplified by reflection on sandstone cliffs and valleys.

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?:  
Yes, the Katoomba Airfield is completely surrounded by UNESCO heritage listed National Park and should not be used commercially to the benefits of a few people and to the detriment of 10000+ people living in the upper Blue Mountains. It will also deter day visitors to the area seeking quietness on walks and lookouts. It is certainly not in the spirit of UNESCO listed heritage sites to burden residents of the area and visitors

to the National Park and villages with excessive noise from low flying aircraft on a daily basis.

What should happen to the Katoomba airfield: • The Katoomba airfield land should be included in the UNESCO heritage listed National park that surrounds it. • Katoomba airfield should be reserved for emergency use only, e.g. fire fighting, rescue. Objections to the commercial lease of Katoomba airfield: • Commercial lease of the Katoomba airfield will benefit only a few (less than 100 people) and disadvantage more than 10000 residents and visitors to the national park with noise pollution. • Commercial lease of the Katoomba airfield will disadvantage on a daily basis more than 10000 residents of the upper Blue Mountains mainly in Katoomba, Medlow Bath and Blackheath and visitors/hikers to this area and the surrounding National park with noise pollution from low flying helicopters and fixed wing aircrafts. • How can a commercial lease be considered of the Katoomba airfield without an environmental impact study and its impact on the surrounding UNESCO heritage listed National park ? • How is a commercially operated Katoomba airfield possible when its parcel of land is completely surrounded by UNESCO heritage listed National park ? Does the UNESCO heritage status prohibit the impact of daily, excessive noise pollution from low level flights to its wildlife and their habitats ? • Noise pollution from aircrafts using the Katoomba airfield will deter visitors to the upper Blue Mountains. Tourism and associated businesses will suffer as the quietness once enjoyed in the upper Mountains will be gone.

Do you have any other comments?:

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**From:** cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 August 2019 6:50 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 : Our reference: 602686

**Your details**

First name: Luke  
Last name: Ham  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Leura  
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? : My only interaction with the air field is during bush fire fighting operations

Describe how the proposed dealing or activity have an impact (either positive or negative) on the ways you currently use or enjoy the site? : If the air field can be leased to commercial operators for the purpose of conducting tourist flights of the Mountains, this will bring more people to the Mountains, which will benefit the local economy, it will also create jobs in the local area. It must also be made available for the RFS and or other agencies during bushfires or large searches as an air base as this is vital during these operations

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:** Friday, 26 July 2019 5:56 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: ROy  
Last name: Antaw  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Blackheath  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2785  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : If the site was available and well maintain yes this is a resource I would use.  
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 a commercially run and well-maintained airstrip will be positive for the whole upper 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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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2019 4:43 PM  
**To:** Airfield.submissions@crowland.nsw.gov.au  
**Subject:** Online submission: Katoomba Airfiled – [REDACTED]

**Dealing/activity**

Name of dealing/activity: Katoomba Airfiled  
Reference : Your reference: 602686

**Your details**

First name: Vivian  
Last name: Baruch  
Organisation:  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Faulconbridge  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2776  
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

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 negative impact of helicopter & airplane activity and noise within the Blue Mountains National Park and in the airspace above it will be strongly detrimental to residents as well as to flora & fauna. The Greater Blue Mountains area is a UNESCO World Heritage listed site so its sandstone plateaux, escarpments and eucalypt forests, along with its flora & fauna, must remain protected from the incursion of noise and pollution.

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

Do you have any other comments?: No

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 June 2019 6:21 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: Lily  
Last name: Surgeon  
Organisation: UBMWC  
Postal address: [REDACTED]  
Suburb: Blackheath  
State: NSW  
Postcode: 2785  
Email: [REDACTED]

**Your feedback**

How do you currently use or enjoy the site that may be impacted by the dealing or activity? : Walking in the Blue Mountains to enjoy the beauty, tranquility and fauna and flora. We walk regularly and live in an area that would be impacted by 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? : Noise and air pollution particularly on fauna and flora in this fragile area Peace and tranquility disturbed Impact on an area of World Heritage standing

Is the site important to you for any other reasons you have not mentioned?: I understand the airspace is not controlled and so there are no limits to the numbers of flights over the area. Once it is approved , there will be no limits.

Do you have any other comments?: The Blue Mountains must be preserved and this proposal puts the whole area in jeopardy.

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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  
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**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  
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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 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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Publication of your details:

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

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