## CRITICAL TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTING THE WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND WESTERN SYDNEY AEROTROPOLIS

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Dear Committee Members

I write on behalf of constituents in the northern part of my electorate, specifically within the Camden and Wollondilly local government areas, whose concerns must be considered as part of the inquiry into the critical transport infrastructure to support the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (WSIA).

The WSIA will add a large volume of traffic to arterial, main and local roads that dissect through the Wollondilly and Camden Local Government Areas. These local government areas will be key thoroughfares for greater Southwestern Sydney and the Illawarra, serving as gateways to the airport.

The anticipated 10 million passengers per year and the creation of approximately 200,000 jobs in and around the Aerotropolis, will substantially increase movements within Wollondilly and Camden.

The existing transport infrastructure in Camden and the surrounding area is nearing capacity with the current level of growth and development. Future planned development and priority growth areas in Wollondilly and Camden will also need to be considered, as the growth and development will be significant.

Current modelling in Wollondilly shows that without the construction of the Picton Bypass soon, the increase in traffic will see the road network reach capacity by 2031. Picton Bypass is a significant piece of infrastructure that needs to be included as part of the inquiry and funding secured for the project as a matter of priority.

The lack of existing public rail infrastructure in these local government areas already impacts the volume of road movements. Timely progress on proposed rail corridors is essential to ensure a seamless transition to an operational airport, especially considering that the existing rail lines in Wollondilly are not electrified and share tracks with ARTC for freight trains. This limitation hampers passenger movements and underscores the need for strategic planning to control road usage effectively.

Consideration must also be given to the substantial freight movements crucial for supporting airport activities and the surrounding Aerotropolis. These movements, heavily reliant on large vehicles, are poised to impact arterial and main roads significantly.

Given the significant implications this will have on southwest Sydney communities, it is essential that genuine, fair, and transparent consideration be afforded to the people of Wollondilly and Camden local government areas to ensure that the liveability of the residents is not adversely affected.

Yours sincerely

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