

**Submission
No 5**

**INQUIRY INTO WARNERVALE AIRPORT
(RESTRICTIONS) REPEAL BILL 2020**

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Dear Chair,

Re: Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Repeal Bill 2020

I have attached a copy of the submission I made to the Departmental Inquiry into the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996.

This remains my view on the best way to regulate the operation and development of the site and I am happy for my submission to be made publically available.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to your inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

David Mehan
Member for The Entrance

Attach: copy of submission dated 26/2/2020 by David Mehan, MP



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STATE MEMBER FOR THE ENTRANCE

26 February 2020

The Director
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act - Review

I make this submission on behalf of my constituents many of whom use the existing airport and landing strip and all of whom will be impacted by any change to the current operation of the site.

The Warnervale Airport Restrictions Act was enacted in 1996 as a result of concerns of local residents about a proposed extension to the landing strip owned by the then Wyong Shire Council. Residents were concerned about expansion of the site and the introduction of larger aircraft.

The Act provides for restrictions on aircraft movements and landing strip length. It in no way stops development at the airport site but causes any such plans to be reviewed by an independent process through the auspices of the Minister for Planning. As Council is the site owner, for probity and transparency reasons it is important it does not also assess any proposed development of the site. This should remain. The Act also contains a flight curfew to protect our community. This should also remain.

The Act was reviewed only two years ago and the then Minister for Planning, Hon Anthony Roberts announced that the Government had decided to retain the Act.

My preference, and I think the preference of my community is that the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996 be retained.

However, it should be amended to reflect the current runway length and to also limit the site to small aircraft (up to 5,700 kg) only. This would allow current users to operate and allow small scale general aviation development of the site. This would, I think, strike the right balance between the communities concerns and the possibilities afforded by development of the site.

I look forward to receiving your final report.

Yours sincerely,

David Mehan
Member for The Entrance