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Submission to Senate Inquire – The planning, construction and management of the Western Sydney Airport project.

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

These are our concerns regarding this project:

- No information about flight paths
- No Curfew
- Disregard for the health of people living in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains
  - Lack of sleep has impacts on Mental and Physical health
  - Air pollution impacts health. These areas already have a high incidence of people with respiratory and cardiac illnesses.
- Negative impacts on the environment
  - Destruction of the flora and fauna at Badgerys Creek
  - Ongoing negative impact on the environment in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains
  - Risk of losing the UNESCO World Heritage Listing for the Blue Mountains National Park
- Negative impact on tourism in the Blue Mountains
  - Who would want to visit if planes are flying 24/7?
  - Less jobs in tourism as a consequence
- How many jobs will be really created in this new and highly automated airport?
- Higher risk of bushfires in the Blue Mountains
  - How will the RFS implement its ongoing program of hazard reductions needed to decrease the bushfire risks inherent in the Blue Mountains?
  - Will the RFS be able to respond quickly and efficiently in a bushfire situation when the WSA will be operational?
  - The dumping of aviation fuel over the Blue Mountains
- Increase risk of road accidents due to the number of trucks needing to bring fuel to the airport
- Misuse of tax payer funds
  - Land being purchased at well above market value
  - Funds used to create the WSI Experience Centre

These are our suggestions:

- Cease the construction of WSA
- Construct High Speed Rail instead, which can link Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. This would be better for the environment and therefore the health of the people, flora and fauna of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. It will also create more jobs.
- Construction of a solar farm where the land has already been cleared
- Replant and rejuvenate the remaining land that has been cleared

Yours Faithfully,

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