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Dear Mr Albin

I refer to your letter concerning the Safeguarding Framework developed by the Commonwealth Government in response to the outcomes of the National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG).

I can confirm the NSW Government has advised the Commonwealth it generally supports the broader Safeguarding Framework with the specific exception of Guideline A – *Measures for Managing Impacts of Aircraft Noise*.

The NSW Government is of the view the Commonwealth has not at this time provided any compelling evidence that suggests there are significant flaws with the existing ANEF system as set out under *Australian Standard AS2021-2000 Acoustics-Aircraft noise intrusion - Building siting and construction* (AS2021). Further, the NSW Government has concerns about the science and rigour underpinning the alternative noise metrics proposed by the Commonwealth as part of the Safeguarding Framework.

Standards Australia has now advised the Department of Planning and Infrastructure it intends to undertake a formal review of AS2021 in the near future. Until this review is completed the current standard will continue to have formal recognition as an endorsed Standard under the NSW Ministerial Direction 3.5 – Development Near Licensed Aerodromes.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Neil McGaffin, Executive Director – Planning Operations, of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, to assist. Mr McGaffin can be contacted on (02) 9228 6565.

Yours sincerely

HON BRAD HAZZARD MP
Minister

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By: *Senator Humphries*

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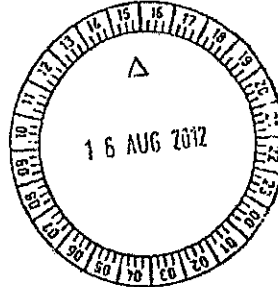


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Dear Mr Winnel

Thank you for meeting with me on 28 June 2012 to discuss the Commonwealth government's proposed changes to the management of noise impacts from aircrafts on new development. I understand that the language in the communiqué released by the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure (SCOTI) and the associated National Airports Safeguarding Framework has been quite controversial. Stakeholders have not been able to gain clarity on the meaning of certain terms within the documents, especially Guideline A *Measures for Managing Impact of Aircraft Noise*.

It is my intention in this letter to clarify the Queensland government's position on this issue and make clear our strategy to ensure that the interests of Queenslanders are protected with respect to any amendments to airport planning regimes.

As you are aware, the state's interest in airport noise impact measurement for the purposes of land use planning is currently identified in the State Planning Policy 1/02 - *Development in the vicinity of certain airports and aviation facilities* (the SPP). The Queensland SPP uses the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) consistent with the Australian Standard AS2021 to assess aircraft noise impacts.

The SPP is under review by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR). Consistent with the SCOTI agreement, the review of the SPP will consider the National Airports Safeguarding Framework. The AS2021 is also scheduled for review with input from the National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG). It has been asked to investigate improvements to the present ANEF based system for aircraft noise disclosure (including the addition of complementary measures such as N70s).

DTMR is aware of various stakeholder concerns with regards to this matter. The State government fully appreciates that the full replacement of ANEF standards for N70 standards would pose a risk to development in Brisbane.

My office has sought advice from DTMR who have confirmed that the policy proposed by the National Airports Safeguarding Framework at this stage is:

- That AS2021 standards remain and continue to be statutory requirements for building within ANEF contours (ANEF areas).
- That N70 contours are advertised by airports and local governments as informative tools, not prescriptive or legislative requirements, to inform citizens of the noise from aircraft.
- That local government should consider the N70 standards when making land use plans, but only as one of the many factors to be considered and not in any prescriptive way.

This is DTMR's understanding of the communiqué released by the Commonwealth. However, we have received a number of letters of concern from organisations like your own seeking clarification and raising concerns.

It is the Deputy Premier's intention to write to the Commonwealth to seek clarification on the policy position and to seek amendments to the communiqué. The vast amount of correspondence I have received has led me to believe that more clarity needs to be given and the communiqué should better reflect the position of the state government.

As previously stated, my understanding of the communiqué is that it is not a prescriptive change to the contours, but it is important that the language strongly reflect that position.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, or require any other assistance, please feel free to contact Mr Jeff Popp, Chief of Staff on (07) 3224 4600.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Ms Goostrey

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF PERTH AIRPORT'S NOISE FOOTPRINT

Thank you for your letter dated 21 May 2012 to the Hon Troy Buswell MLA, Minister for Transport, regarding the Urban Development Institute of Australia's concerns with the proposed expansion of Perth Airport's noise footprint presented in the draft National Airports Safeguarding Framework (the framework). The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Minister supports the Minister for Planning's position not to endorse the Commonwealth's *Guideline A-Measures for Managing Impacts of Aircraft Noise* of the framework while it contains the proposed alternate noise metrics in their current state. The Director General of the Department of Planning (DoP) has recently written to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport's Secretary reiterating the concerns that were raised at the recent Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure meeting on 18 May 2012.

The Western Australian (WA) Government has expressed its concerns to the Commonwealth on a number of occasions that Guideline A has not been sufficiently researched, documented and subject to consultations. The WA Government considers that Guideline A should be subjected to thorough research and documentation in a manner equivalent to the methods used for the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast system, which is still the international standard; and be subject to a Regulatory Impact Assessment as is required by the Council of Australian Government's *Best Practice Regulation Guide*.

The Department of Transport is working closely with DoP to ensure that WA's views are fully considered as part of the Commonwealth's consultation and development of the framework.

Thank you for raising this matter with the Minister.

Yours sincerely

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From: John McFadden
Sent: Tuesday, 14 August 2012 12:22 PM
To: 'mark gerard popplewell'
Cc: Winnell Bob; Paul Whalan; Ken Ineson
Subject: FW: NASAG Genia McCaffery's email to Mayor Tim Overall

Hi Mark,

Bob will phone you on this; ie that ALGA did not support the guidelines.

Please refer to the email below.

I will also email you a letter from the Mayor of Queanbeyan on the same matter .

Regards

John

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tim Overall <Tim.Overall@qcc.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 3 April 2012 7:32:38 AEST
To: 'Bob Winnel' <rwinnel@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: NASAG

Bob,

ALGA's position – Genia McCaffery, President.

Cr Tim Overall

Mayor

Ph: 6285 6223

Email: tim.overall@qcc.nsw.gov.au

From: Genia McCaffery [<mailto:Genia.McCaffery@northsydney.nsw.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 2:37 PM
To: Tim Overall

Subject: new noise guidelines for airports

Hi Tim

Thanks for the email about Fin Review article. ALGA was at the Friday officials meeting referred to in the article. We put the strong position at the meeting that local government did not support the new noise guidelines as there was no clear scientific evidence that the current guidelines needed to be changed. We also emphasised that retrospective changes without proper consultation with councils and their community would have significant impact on Council's strategic planning and housing strategies.

regards

Genia

From: Tim Overall

Sent: Thursday, 29 March 2012 12:53 PM

To: 'mayor@northsydney.nsw.gov.au'

Subject: FW: NASAG Article in today's Fin review - States hit airport plan

Dear Genia,

Thank you for your time today – appreciated.

Please see attached which has just been brought to my notice.

Kind Regards

Tim

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