

**SUBMISSION AGAINST THE MRF BLOCK 9 FYSHWICK
APPLICATION NUMBER.201700053**

To the Consent Authorities,

As a user of Canberra airport services I have deep concerns about the development of a waste transfer station on Ipswich Street Fyshwick and object to it on the basis that those concerns have been inadequately addressed.

I have read Canberra Airport Master Plan and understand the emphasis placed in it on the risk to air safety from Bird Strike. I also have read the Commonwealth government Air Safety Framework Guidelines and am aware that Guideline C Bird Strike Attachment 1 identifies Waste Transfer Stations as 'High Risk' activities which are 'Incompatible' with airports.

The Master plan states

Currently Canberra Airport has aviation safety concerns arising from: A proposal to enhance (by further development) the bird attraction of the Jerrabomberra Wetlands in close proximity to the south of the Airport. This proposal is inconsistent with Guideline C. and The ACT Government recognises the need for changes to the 2014 Draft Master Plan for Jerrabomberra Wetlands due to bird strike risk.

I further understand that CASA informed the wetlands that *the potential for a coroner enquiry arising from an accident arising from bird strike would seek to investigate a cause.* Consequently the Wetlands accepted a duty of care to not increase the risk of aircraft bird strike at Canberra International airport. *Overall, emphasis will be placed on habitat diversity rather than significant increases in general waterbird populations in order to minimise the risk of birdstrike to aircraft using Canberra Airport.*

I further understand that Canberra Airport accepted no risk for any development of the Wetlands. All risk to aviation rests with the Wetlands Board. Who will accept the liability for an accident caused by bird strike directly linked to the Waste Transfer Station? Will it be the ratepayers?

While I am aware that the activity will theoretically be enclosed in a large shed, I am concerned that the very large doors on two sides of the shed will be opened and closed every two minutes or so or left open because the conditions in the shed become too hot or too smelly. A conclusion that there is no risk is an assumption only and cannot be supported without thorough and transparent assessment. I submit that it is your duty to the public in the interest of public safety to ensure that this matter is fully assessed. Since Canberra airport is now an international airport it is even more imperative.

Proposals like this raise an urgent need to achieve rigour in the region's planning process regarding safeguarding aircraft movements into and out of Canberra Airport in compliance with the Safeguarding Framework. Where to locate solar farms, or other incompatible land uses posing a potential hazard to aircraft safety, is a high priority in the interest of public safety.

If an Inquiry Panel were to be established to assess this development I request that this become one of the matters the expert examine.

Sincerely,

