

Jerrabomberra Residents'

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Association

Byron's earplugs should be used to block Airport lies

The Jerrabomberra Residents Association (JRA) says the best thing people can do with Stephen Byron's earplugs is to use them for blocking out the Canberra Airport's deceitful campaign against residential development around Queanbeyan.

"The Airport is running a scare campaign against homes at Tralee, which will deny the Jerrabomberra community important facilities like a high school and aquatic centre," says Margot Sachse, President of the JRA.

"Their campaign is a direct attack on the Jerrabomberra lifestyle, and their opposition to Tralee goes completely against the wishes of our local community.

"Last month the packed-to-standing-room only public meeting at Jerrabomberra gave the Queanbeyan Council and NSW Government a clear message – we want residential and not industrial development.

"Jerra residents told Steve Whan and Frank Pangallo to give us schools, not factories!"

Ms Sachse also said the Airport's scare campaign failed to hit the truth when they referred to aircraft noise.

"Tralee and all proposed residential development is outside of the Government-sanctioned aircraft noise zones," Ms Sachse said.

"The ANEF is the Australian Standard for planning, not an arbitrary line drawn on a map by those at the airport.

"The development of Tralee and more residential areas around Queanbeyan will not result in any increased aircraft noise, nor will it lead to planes over other parts of Canberra.

"Stephen Byron and the other Airport owners know this, but they are choosing to mislead the public to advance their own commercial purposes."

Ms Sachse said the public should not be fooled by the Airport's campaign.

"People should not underestimate the capacity and financial resources of the airport," Ms Sachse said.

"They will pursue this campaign with little regard for the Jerrabomberra community and they are interested only in whipping up opposition to Tralee from everyone else around Canberra and Queanbeyan.

"The airport is determined to defeat their political opponents, and will throw all their resources directly and indirectly behind those candidates who tow their line and ignore their voter's needs."

Ms Sachse said the development at Tralee was important for the future of Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra because it would lead to more community infrastructure.

"Schools, sports grounds, a swimming centre, and park lands will appear as the population grows," Ms Sachse said.

"This is good news for our region, and good for everyone's lifestyle.

"And competition in the building and housing market will lead to better housing affordability and more residential choices for people throughout the Canberra-Queanbeyan region.

"The big spending, slick campaign being run by the Airport should be ignored. They are the only ones bleating about the residential development that will be a plus for everyone else, because they have put their own profits ahead of our local community."

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