Dear EPA and Minister Speakman,

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments on the Clean Air for NSW Consultation Paper.

The most important thing to do is to look more closely at the air pollution that will be generated by the addition of an airport in the Sydney basin.

Air pollution is already trapped in the Sydney basin and concentrated in the western suburbs of Sydney which has the highest rate of respiratory health issues in Australia. Adding an airport in this area will only make matters worse. In the EIS for the airport, the levels of particulate matter and hazardous chemicals exceeded the national standards, but the former lower standards were used in developing the EIS. The impact of emissions from aircraft flying in and out of the Sydney basin are also not accounted for in the EIS. Aviation emissions, both on the ground and in the air, need to be properly accounted for, monitored and restricted. Any document dealing with clean air is incomplete without thoroughly addressing the impact a second airport in Sydney would have on the air quality and consequently the health of residents in Western Sydney.

Thank you

Kind regards,
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