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**PP-2023-2787 – Cessnock ANEF Mapping Update**

Dear Mr Liddell

I refer to the planning proposal seeking to amend the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011* that was lodged with the Department on 12 December 2023 to update the Australian Noise Exposure Forecasts (ANEF) mapping relating to the Cessnock Aerodrome.

The planning proposal is currently at the Adequacy Assessment stage and the Department requested supporting information request on 14 February 2023. This additional information related to the potential impacts of the ANEF maps on surrounding land uses and whether the revised maps impose additional restrictions or limitations on adjoining properties. Furthermore, the Department sought to understand how the planning proposal would mitigate or manage these impacts, how the revised ANEF maps consider future land uses, and the technical requirements behind the changes to the ANEF maps.

Additionally on 6 March 2024, Council informed the Department that it was likely that Cessnock Aerodrome's runway would be extended which would further alter the revised ANEF maps that is currently lodged as part of PP-2023-2787 and may adversely affect the Nulkaba residential land in the south.

On this basis, I have determined the planning proposal does not adequately meet the requirements for a Gateway determination to be issued and is therefore being returned to Council.

Should you have any questions, I have arranged for Clay Logan, Senior Planning Officer at the Department of Planning and Environment can be contacted on 6650 7158.

Yours sincerely



**Jeremy Gray**  
**Director Northern Local and Regional Planning**