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DECISION UNDER THE AIRPORTS (PROTECTION OF AIRSPACE) REGULATIONS 1996:

Proposed Activity:	Building construction: Two multi-storey buildings	
Location:	The Anglican School, Gorman Road and Rosa Street, Googong NSW	
MGA Zone 55 Coordinates:	E: 702758.14; N: 6077764.86	
Proponent:	Diocesan Schools' Council, Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn	

I refer to the application from Diocesan Schools' Council, Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, received by the Department on 14 February 2014 from Canberra Airport Pty Ltd (CAPL). This application sought approval under the Airports (Protection of Airspace) Regulations 1996 (the Regulations) for the intrusion of two buildings at The Anglican School, Gorman Road and Rosa Street, Googong NSW(**the site**), into airspace which, under the Regulations, is prescribed airspace for Canberra Airport.

'Prescribed airspace' includes 'the airspace above any part of either an Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) or Procedures for Air Navigation Services - Aircraft Operations (PANS-OPS) surface for the airport' (see sub regulation 6(1)).

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The outer horizontal surface of the OLS for Canberra Airport above the site is at a height of **720 metres** above the Australian Height Datum (AHD) and hence prescribed airspace above the site commences at **720 metres AHD** above the site. At heights of 756.7 metres AHD and 755.15 metres AHD respectively, the two buildings will penetrate the OLS.

Accordingly, the construction of each of the two buildings would constitute a "controlled activity" under Section 182 of the *Airports Act 1996* (the Act). Section 183 of the Act requires that controlled activities cannot be carried out without approval.

Details of the penetration of prescribed airspace are provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Height and location of proposed structure at the site that will intrude into prescribed airspace for Canberra Airport and details of the penetration of prescribed airspace

Building	MGA Zone 55 coordinates of the site	Maximum height (AHD)	Penetration of prescribed airspace
Classrooms	E: 702758.14; N: 6077764.86	756.7 metres	36.7 metres
Early Learning Centre	E: 702758.14; N: 6077764.86	755.15 metres	35.15 metres

Attachments A1-A3 show the locations and heights of the proposed buildings which will intrude into prescribed airspace at the site.

I sought additional information which was provided on 20 February 2014.

Under the Regulations, the Secretary is empowered to make decisions in relation to the approval of controlled activities, and the imposition of conditions on approvals. I have been delegated the Secretary's powers under the Regulations.

Decision

Regulation 14 provides that a proposal to carry out a controlled activity must be approved unless carrying out the controlled activity would interfere with the safety, efficiency or regularity of existing or future air transport operations into or out of the airport concerned. Paragraph 14(1)(b) provides that an approval may be granted subject to conditions.

In making my decision, I have taken into consideration the opinions of the proponent, CAPL, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and Airservices Australia (Airservices).

Pursuant to paragraph 14(1)(b), I have decided to approve the proposal, subject to the conditions set out below.

In accordance with Regulation 14(1)(b), I impose the following conditions on my approval:

- 1. The Classrooms building must not exceed a maximum height of 756.7 metres AHD.
- 2. The Early Learning Centre building **must not exceed** a maximum height of **755.15 metres AHD.**
- 3. The proponent must provide CAPL with the finished height of the buildings (in metres AHD) upon completion.

Breaches of approval conditions are subject to significant penalties under sections 185 and 187 of the Act.

Recommendation

I recommend that the proponent should seek an approval under the Regulations for any equipment or cranes to be used on the site that will intrude into prescribed airspace before entering into a commitment to construct any building at the site.

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Yours sincerely

Dilip Mathew Director – Airspace Protection Aviation and Airports Division

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Attachment A1





Attachment A3