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Joint Regional Planning Panel - Southern Region GPO Box 39 SYDNEY 2001



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Dear Sir/Madam

## RA13/1003 - Development of an Aviation Support Facility comprising two (2) buildings, landscaping and associated infrastructure at Yerriyong.

I wish to advise that the elected Council has reviewed and considered the staff's Section 79c Assessment Report for this development, recently sent to the Panel for consideration. The elected Council supports the recommendation to grant operational consent for the development subject to all of the recommended conditions excepting condition 22.

Condition 22 relates to the construction hours and the 79c Assessment Report recommends restrictions on those hours to 6.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 6.00am to 3.00pm Saturdays. Council is acutely aware of the critical importance that this development is constructed and operational by November to meet the Commonwealth's timetable to receive the MH-60R Sea Hawk "Romeo" helicopters for the end of 2014.

To achieve this timeframe Council wishes to appeal to the Panel to alter the proposed condition 22 and not restrict construction hours at all for this particular development. Council wishes to point out that the major facility adjoining this site on HMAS Albatross Base, is currently working up to 24hrs per day to also meet the tight timeframe. Both projects are related. It is further submitted to the Panel that, because of the strategic importance of this development to the Commonwealth Government and to the Shoalhaven region, these special circumstances warrant a variation on this occasion. It is further submitted that the construction site is not adjacent or near to any residential area and should have minimal impact on the surrounding locality.

Council wishes to make personal representations at the meeting on this issue.

Yours faithfully

Russ Pigg General Manager

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