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Dear Ms Barnes

As the current operator of Merimbula Airport I can only report on past issues that we have experienced with continuous noise operations.

Past experience has shown that the Merimbula Community does not tolerate continuous repetitive noise. We have in the past had operators of aerobatic joy flights and vintage aircraft flights that have been quite successful. Both of these operations produced vast numbers of noise complaints even though the aircraft involved did not exceed acceptable noise standards. However the repetitive nature of the operation did aggravate the community.

With the aerobatic operations we negotiated with the operator to operate in three different locations around the airport, to the north, although this produced complaints from the Turingal Head area to the east (out to sea) and south towards Eden. Whilst this didn't completely alleviate the calls it did subdue them. The vintage aircraft we were not able to alleviate the complaints without reducing the number of flights undertaken in a given day.

Flight circuit training will generate the same scenarios with complaints coming from the Fish Pen, Long and Short Point areas and Pambula Beach. For example the Black Dolphin Motel regularly have clients check out after the 6:30 am flight to Sydney has departed as they don't want to be woken up on holidays by aircraft noise. Another issue that we regularly field concerned calls about is engine failure training while departing runway 03 and this is a necessary part of flight training however where possible we currently encourage this part of the training to be completed at Frogs Hollow.

Over all I believe that continuous circuit training at Merimbula would create a full time position for Council dealing with an endless string of repetitive noise complaints.

Hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Baker.

26 July 2018

 Email

From: [Anthony O'Reilly](#)  
To: [Bowman, Anna](#)  
CC: [Catherine Dale](#) ; [Barnes, Leanne](#) ; [Andrew Greenway](#)  
Subject:RE: HPE CM: 2017.445 Proposed recreational flight school at Frogs Hollow

Sent:24/10/2018 4:39:39 PM



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Dear Anna,

Further to our letter of 24 August 2018, thank you for sending the additional information from the applicant about plans for the Flight Training School at Frogs Hollow. Eurobodalla Shire Council maintains its objection to the development.

The information provided states that Councils do not control the airspace around airports. In Eurobodalla Shire Council's view that makes it all the more important that the impacts on amenity for residents living under flight paths is considered as part of the planning process.

Moruya Airport currently has about 19,000 aircraft movements per year. The figures provided by the applicant indicate 96 circuits on an average day, 10 days a month which equates to 11,500 extra movements a year. So residents would be subjected to an increase in air traffic of over 60%.

This figures listed are for an average day and the applicant admits that on certain days this could increase by 250%.

It is also highlighted that whilst Council does not regulate the airspace we do own the airport itself so landing fees and airport use (rather than airspace) is a matter for Council to consider.

Eurobodalla Shire Council is also concerned about the impact on other airport users and the applicant notes "Co-operation with other airport users is not an issue that would be unique to student pilots". Council agrees with this statement – the impact would be the same for any new airport user proposing such a significant increase in aircraft movements and given the scale of the impact, Council maintains its objection.

On a final point, the figures mentioned are indicative only. Once approved , there would be no further ability to control growth in aircraft movements so the potential future impacts are unlimited, and there appears to be no further detail available on the height that aircraft would be flying at or the noise levels of the aircraft. Further information on this would assist Council in assessing the impact on residents.

Should you require and clarification on our objection please contact Andrew Greenway, Divisional Manager Property and Commercial Services on 4474 1351.

Kind regards

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Dear Leanne

**Submission – DA 2017.445 – Proposed recreational flight school, Frogs Hollow**

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on Development Application 2017.445 – Proposed recreational flight school at Lot 21 DP 109606 and Lot 1 DA 245789; 1070 Princes Highway Frogs Hollow, which includes the use of Moruya Airport.

Council does not support the use of our airport as outlined in your correspondence.

There appears to be insufficient information in the application to assess the full extent of the public interest impact on Moruya Airport and its surrounds however, based on the assumptions provided in the application, our concerns are:

- The adverse operational impact on Moruya Airport and its existing users and businesses
- The adverse impact on the amenity of local residents and businesses resulting from the significant increase in aircraft traffic.

Any operational impact on Moruya Airport has potential flow on impact for the broader region. As our passenger service connects to Sydney via Merimbula, any impact on the passenger service by this development would affect Bega Valley residents as well. This impact could for instance be increased flight delays caused by additional traffic at Moruya Airport.

Utilising the data provided in the application to make an estimation, the increase in aircraft movements could double what Moruya Airport currently experiences. We estimate the runway and airspace could be in use for an extra three to four hours every day having the potential to adversely impact on the amenity of residents in the flight path and business activities of the airport.

Whilst the proposal relies heavily on the use of existing airports, such as Moruya, the application has not determined or assessed the capacity of those airports or the impacts arising from the potential significant increase in use. Council considers these matters to be critical considerations



to the determination of the development application which certainly cannot be made due to the lack of information.

I hope you will give this submission your due consideration and if you require further information regarding our concerns raised please contact Andrew Greenway, Divisional Manager Property and Commercial Services on 4474 1351 or email to [andrew.greenway@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:andrew.greenway@esc.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Dale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Catherine" on the first line and "Dale" on the second line.

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Dear Ms Bowman

**Mallacoota Aerodrome and Frogs Hollow flight training facility proposal (DA.2017.445)**

Thank you for your email dated 11 July 2018 seeking comments regarding the impact of the proposed flight training school at Frogs Hollow. The Chief Executive Officer, Gary Gaffney has requested that I reply on his behalf.

I note that your letter was seeking our input in terms of the capacity of the Mallacoota Aerodrome and estimated number of aircraft movements.

On review of the documentation provided to Council, we can confirm that there is the capacity for the Mallacoota Aerodrome to handle the proposed number of flight movements. It is noted that the Mallacoota Aerodrome currently does not receive a high volume of flights.

We do, however, reject the applicant's assertion that the East Gippsland Shire Council can recoup maintenance costs through landing fees, given that East Gippsland Shire Council does not charge landing fees at the Mallacoota Aerodrome.

Restrictions applying to Mallacoota Aerodrome would not impact on what the flying school proposes to do in relation to circuits and 'touch and go's' therefore it would be difficult to argue our facility is not suitable.

Council is aware that some residents of Mallacoota have concerns with the proposed use of the Mallacoota Aerodrome. Some residents have advised Council of concerns with respect to impacts on their amenity in terms of noise and pollution of the area resulting from the proposal.

Note that East Gippsland Shire Council values the amenity of settlements and residential areas very highly, and any activities that compromised this amenity would not be supported.

Should you have any questions in relation to this matter I can be contacted on 0351 53 9500.

Yours sincerely,



**PAUL HOLTON**  
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