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Mr Owen Laffin
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Via email: bluemountains@nswliberal.org.au

Dear Mr Laffin

Katoomba Airfield

The Blue Mountains Conservation Society (BMCS) is a community based volunteer organisation with over 800 members. It is the oldest continuing environmental organisation in the Blue Mountains. Our mission is to help conserve the natural environment of the Greater Blue Mountains region.

The Society has a number of serious concerns in regard to the process undertaken to date by the Department of Industry-Crown Lands and Water in regard to the issuing of a new lease over the Katoomba Airfield site, including the lack of community consultation prior to the issuing of the current interim licence to Derek and Floyd Larsen. We also have a number of concerns in regard to the proposed community consultation to be undertaken prior to the issuing of any long term lease.

We have recently written to both the Department of Industry and the National Parks and Wildlife Service outlining our concerns. Copies of both letters are attached.

The Society has been making representations about the future use and management of the Katoomba Airfield site since 1997. Previous use of the airfield for commercial joy flights was controversial and heavily opposed by the community, with residents in Medlow Bath, North Katoomba and areas adjacent to scenic lookouts in Leura, Katoomba and Wentworth Falls particularly impacted. Walkers and park users also complained of low flying aircraft, including in remote areas.

As the state Liberal candidate for the Blue Mountains, we ask that Society and community representatives meet with you to discuss Katoomba Airfield and its future. Please contact me on the number below to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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