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BADGERYS CREEK - UNSUITABLE FOR AN AIRPORT

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The Federal Government has played down the massive impacts arising from this proposed airport. It seeks to spread the aircraft noise impacts more widely so that none of western Sydney's two million residents can escape the shifting patterns of flight paths.

The noise generated by such a new airport will affect millions currently unaffected by this activity. Of course local objections arising from a Badgerys Creek airport will divert aircraft noise to the unsettled areas near Sydney – its national parks. Our wonderful national parks, the "lungs of Sydney", will become congested with aircraft noise.

The proposed airport will eventually result initially in tens of thousands growing to hundreds of thousands of aircraft movements a year. Maximum use will be made of airspace to the west, threatening the peace in the Blue Mountains wilderness. On take-off, aircraft will crawl up into the sky over the Blue Mountains, spreading a lawn mower equivalent racket (69-79 decibels) over these pristine areas. This is going to significantly detract from a visitor's experience of nature during any visit to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, which is a major national and international attraction receiving over three million visitors a year.

The proposed Badgerys Creek Airport would result in potentially severe and unacceptable noise impacts on the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, Burragorang State Conservation Area, Bents Basin State Conservation Area, Kanangra Boyd Wilderness, Nattai Wilderness and Grose Wilderness.

The Federal Government has completely failed to address impacts on the Blue Mountains national parks and residential areas. No noise modelling has been undertaken for the area. But while it was recognised that impacts from aircraft overflights would occur, the impact on park visitors 24 hours a day, every day, is considered to be so unimportant as to not merit consideration.

The southern Blue Mountains, arguably Australia's most popular wilderness areas, has been completely overlooked by environmental assessments, despite Commonwealth legislation obligations to protect World Heritage Areas.