



Residents Against Western Sydney Airport Incorporated

Blaxland NSW

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Update 5 – 10th April, 2018 – What's the latest!

Dear Members and Volunteers,

[Protest at P.M.s Place](#) (just a few seats left on the bus)

We have organised a 45 seater bus to take members and volunteers to a protest outside the Point Piper residence of the Prime Minister to highlight our cause in the public eye.

We need your help to make this a success, so please come along and make this a success!

Date: Sunday 15th April, from 11am to 12 noon

Bus Pick Ups: East Blaxland School (Old Bathurst Rd, Opp. Redfern St) & Blacktown (near M4)

Cost: \$13 per person return bus fare

Departure Times: 8.30 am at Blaxland & about 8:45 am just off M4 at Blacktown

On the return journey we will be stopping for a 10 minute photo shoot outside the office of Anthony Albanese who, like the P.M. is pushing for a 24/7 WSA.

If you wish to book a seat on the bus please email response to: jtn@netspace.net.au no later than Friday 13th April and please include your preferred pick up point.

If you prefer to take your own car, address to go to is: 46 Wunulla Road Point Piper, arrive by 11am.

Please come along if at all possible as we need to have a great turn out.

[The Greens efforts to make Airservices Accountable](#)

The Greens are in the process of introducing new legislation to Parliament that is aimed at making Airservices Australia (AsA) more responsive to the concerns of community members in regard to aircraft noise.

The Greens Adam Bandt, along with Senator Janet Rice have set up an [Aircraft Noise website](#) which contains details of the Bill as well as other efforts by the Greens to stand up for communities affected by aircraft noise. Janet introduced the Air Services Amendment Bill 2018 on the 27th March and Adam will be reintroducing the Bill in the House of Representatives on Monday 21st May.

A Senate Committee Inquiry has been established and are seeking submissions from the public. The committee has in principle agreed to a written submission closing date of 30 May. This is very important as this provides an avenue for us and any affected citizen to make a written submission.

By the actions (lack of actions) of AsA, it has become apparent that they are more focused on maintaining airline efficiency than doing anything constructive about mitigating the impacts of airline operations on communities living under flight paths.

This is evidenced by AsA efforts to make the submission of aircraft noise complaints more difficult and the changes they have made to reporting aircraft noise complaints in a way that hides the impacts on communities rather than exposing these impacts.

So the Senate Inquiry is a great opportunity to get your/our common concerns specifically conveyed to the Committee about the inappropriate current legislation and regulation of aircraft noise and inadequate consideration given to resident and community concerns about aircraft noise by the regulators ie Air Services.

You can make a submission [via the website here](#), please note submissions close on 30th May 2018.

Reaction from IUCN

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) keep a watch on World Heritage areas, give a ranking for each site based on the prevailing threats to continued World Heritage listing and advise the United Nations on World Heritage issues.

Recently I sent an email asking you to submit your concerns (over the impact of WSA on the Heritage listing of the Blue Mountains National Park) to the IUCN.

RAWSA research team member Chris Whiteman had drafted a letter and many people used this as the basis of their email to IUCN. Our collective emails have sparked interest of IUCN and to keep the issue on the boil with them I ask you send follow up emails to IUCN.

All you have to do is copy/paste the following text into an email and send it to: worldheritageoutlook@iucn.org and cc: mail@iucn.org and oceania@iucn.org

I am writing to express my concern over the Blue Mountains National Park, World Heritage area.

The IUCN currently gives the area a threat ranking of “Good with some concerns” however, the Australian Government’s intention to build a Western Sydney Airport in such close proximity to the Blue Mountains World Heritage area, will have an inextricable adverse impact on flora and fauna through pollution and noise impacts from operations at this airport.

I am very concerned about this developing situation and ask that IUCN take appropriate action to:

- *Ignore the information derived from the Australian Government’s assessment of impacts,*
- *Investigate with local conservation and community groups as to the true adverse impacts of the project, and*
- *Increase the IUCN threat rating to “Significant Concern”*

Yours sincerely,

Enter your name
Enter your address

For those who wish to find out more about the IUCN, go to: <https://www.iucn.org/about>

Thank you and regards,
Trevor Neal

On behalf of the RAWSA Management Committee