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## **Update No. 11 – 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 – What’s the latest!**

Dear Members and Volunteers - Here is the latest update to keep you informed about our fight against the building of a Western Sydney Airport.

### **Breaking News**

#### **‘Show us the Fight Paths’ Rally**

RAWSA has been approached by an ABC Journalist who is interested in filming a RAWSA protest about our concerns with the airport project and the lack of flight paths, upon which, assessments on environmental impacts should have been based.

The rally has been organised at short notice and details are:

**Date:**           **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Time:**           **Starting at 10 am**

**Location:**   **Luddenham Progress Hall** (cnr – The Northern Rd & Roots Ave, Luddenham)

This location has been picked to show that the Badgerys Creek site is not just undeveloped paddocks which are the focus of past TV News segments. With the residential development in Luddenham being only about 300 metres from the runway, this built up area gives a different perspective.

I again ask for your support in attending this very important opportunity to get our message across.

Bring your signs, your tee-shirts, your children and anyone else you can think of, as obviously an impressive crowd is required for TV audience impact.

#### **Inundate Newspaper with response emails**

This week, the ‘Western Weekender’ local Penrith newspaper wrote an article about ‘sod turning’ at Badgerys Creek to commence site levelling for WSA. They finished the article with the following:

**“Are you happy with the new airport?”**

Email (your response to) [news@westernweekender.com.au](mailto:news@westernweekender.com.au)”

**Please swamp them with emails to the paper with a few words of opposition!**

### **What’s been done**

#### **Anti-airport Mayor re-elected to Blue Mountains Council**

Thank you to all RAWSA members and volunteers who attended the Blue Mountains Council meeting on Tuesday 18th September to show support for; and witness the re-election of; Councillor Mark Greenhill to the position of Blue Mountains Mayor.

Mayor Greenhill has been unwavering in his opposition to Western Sydney Airport and has led the Council in a strong campaign against it being built. RAWSA recognise this as an important event and we feel confident of Mayor Greenhill's continued support and vocal opposition to the WSA project.

It is also noted that in signing up to the Govt's 'Cities Deal', Blue Mountains Council have clearly specified in the document, that their participation in the *Deal* does not limit Council's opposition to WSA, nor does it prevent them from participating in actions to fight against WSA.

### **Jobs for the West Working Group**

On 27<sup>th</sup> September, Dr Ian Watson and several members of the Working Group, travelled to NSW Parliament House and gave a briefing on the *Jobs for the West Report* to Labor Members of the Parliament.

Arrangements are pending for a similar briefing to be given to Greens Parliamentary Members. Additionally, an offer will also be made to briefings to Liberal Parliamentary Members and to the Sustainable Australia Party.

The Report shows that employment opportunities from an Outer Sydney Orbital Rail system and an Interstate High Speed Rail network would be vastly increased and the range of quality jobs would be much greater than an airport could hope to achieve. Should you have missed the reference in earlier Newsletters, the Final Report is now available on-line at: [http://jobsforthewest.co/publications/main\\_report.pdf](http://jobsforthewest.co/publications/main_report.pdf).

### **Questions to Senate Estimates Committee**

Greens Senator Janet Rice has advised that a series of questions relating to WSA have been put to recent Senate Estimates hearings. While the answers given are generally bureaucratic double-speak, these questions keep the WSA issue on the boil and serve to put unwanted pressure on decision makers.

Another round of Senate Estimate hearings commence on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and while RAWSA will submit as many questions as time permits, members and volunteers are asked to also submit their questions to be put at the hearings.

You can send your questions by email to: [simon.bakker@aph.gov.au](mailto:simon.bakker@aph.gov.au) or [janet-rice.greensmps.org.au](mailto:janet-rice.greensmps.org.au)

### **Senate Speech opposing WSA**

Along with past speeches in federal parliament made by Labor MPs and Senators, newly appointed Greens Senator Mehreen Faruqi (replacing retired Lee Rhiannon) last week added her voice to the growing opposition to the WSA project. In a very articulate and informative speech, Senator Faruqi highlighted the 'con' being orchestrated by airport proponents on the people of Western Sydney.

The speech can be viewed at: <https://www.facebook.com/mehreenfaruqi/videos/1074692656040232/>

## **What's being done**

### **Aircraft Noise Complaints**

I acknowledge that I continue to push this strategy and to encourage residents to submit aircraft noise complaints about flyovers from Mascot Airport. It is an easy way for time poor people to make a constructive contribution (just 6 minutes per month, at a time of your choosing and from your own computer) to our collective fight against a WSA.

Think about it - by showing Airservices and politicians that we do not put up with noise from Mascot flight paths, we are showing the type of outcry that will occur if the WSA goes ahead.

If worse comes to worse and a 24 hour WSA does become operational – it sets a pattern of areas that Govt. will be likely to avoid for flight path locations, for fear of even more noise complaints. So not only does this help the collective effort, it also has a very personal component.

Anyone who wants to participate in this action can send an email to: [info@rawsa.info](mailto:info@rawsa.info).

Thank you and regards,  
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For and on behalf of the RAWSA Management Committee