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Dear Mark

SUBJECT Katoomba Airfield – Expression of Interest

I refer to the Department of Industry's (DoI) recent call for parties interested in making use of the Crown land currently occupied by Katoomba Airfield at 178-180 Grand Canyon Road, Medlow Bath and advise as follows.

At its ordinary meeting on the 17 October 2017, the Council resolved;

- 1. That the Council notes that the NSW Department of Industry has recently published an Expression of Interest for parties interested in making use of the Katoomba Airfield site;*
- 2. That the Council notes that the Blue Mountains Aviators Club is preparing a submission to the Department of Industry for the use of the land through the Expression of Interest process and have requested the support of the Council for their submission;*
- 3. That the Council notes the importance of the airstrip remaining operational in the event of an emergency, in particular forced landing of aircraft with mechanical difficulties or bushfires; and*
- 4. That the Council writes a letter of 'in-principle' support for the Blue Mountains Aviators Club's submission to the NSW Department of Industry for the use of the land, which will ensure that the airfield remains operational; and*
- 5. That the council would 'in-principle' support submissions from other organisations to the NSW Department of Industry EoI , which ensure the Katoomba Airfield remains operational for emergency landings, where they observe the CASA Fly Neighbourly Advice for the Blue Mountains National Park and the broader principles of Fly Neighbourly Agreements including that flights avoid noise sensitive areas (including residential), maintain appropriate fly-over altitudes, speed reduction, low noise descent settings, route variation and the use of high take-off / descent profiles.*

We ask that the DoI note Council's 'in-principle' support of organisations, which will ensure that Katoomba Airfield remains operational and request that it considers Council's position in its future deliberations for the use of the site.

Please contact Council's Special Projects Manager Gary Parsons on 4780 5535 or email gparsons@bmcc.nsw.gov.au should you require any further information in relation to this mater.

Yours faithfully



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