



Blue Mountains Aviators Club

Sunday, 8 October 2017

The General Manager
Blue Mountains City Council
Locked Bag 1005
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Attention: The General Manager,

I write pursuant to our recent correspondence with Mr Gary Parsons, Special Projects Manager – Infrastructure & Strategic Assets – Blue Mountains City Council, where the Blue Mountains Aviators Club provided input to the Katoomba Airfield briefing for Councillors on the evening of Tuesday 3rd October 2017.

As indicated in our correspondence with Mr Parsons, it is the intention of the Blue Mountains Aviators Club to respond to the call for expressions of interest (EOI Registration No. 17-0569) to operate Katoomba Airfield as sole licensee or tenant of the property.

Blue Mountains Aviators Club seeks a general letter of support from the Blue Mountains City Council for inclusion in our EOI submission. A copy of the clubs draft business plan has been provided to Mr Parsons, outlining the proposed strategies and objectives for operating Katoomba Airfield under a not for profit business model.

We would like to highlight that Katoomba Airfield was funded and constructed by local pilots with the endorsement of local, state, and federal government. It has been an active airfield and an Approved Landing Area (ALA) as defined by CASA CAAP 95.1 since 1968.

It is the considered opinion of our club, as the representative organisation for aviation in the Blue Mountains, that responsibility and management for the airfield would be best served by local pilots under the governance of the Blue Mountains Aviators Club. The opportunities afforded by not for profit organisation management of the property are significant, and we believe we provide the most sustainable option available to the Blue Mountains community, aviation, emergency services, and other organisations who have traditionally made use of the property.

We trust that you will appreciate the importance of the airfield to the community and understand our concern to see it managed responsibly. We therefore seek the support of Blue Mountains City Council in our EOI submission.

Yours sincerely,

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