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MAYORAL MINUTE

MM1 - Future Operations of Richmond RAAF Base - (79353)

REPORT:

Once again media has brought to the fore the issue of the possibility of Richmond RAAF Base being utilised to ease pressure on Sydney Airport albeit on a temporary basis.

The Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government; Leader of the House, The Hon Anthony Albanese MP acknowledges on his website, dated 23 November 2009, that the Federal and New South Wales Governments have agreed to conduct a joint study to assess options, identify potential sites and evaluate investment strategies for delivering additional airport capacity.

The site advises that the study's final terms of reference will be outlined in the National Aviation Policy White Paper, which will be released shortly and will look at ways of providing integrated transport solutions for the existing airport as well as additional airport capacity.

Whilst Mr. Albanese indicates that the Government will not engage in speculation about individual locations, I am concerned about the comments of Warren Bennett, who is a member of The Board of Airline Representatives, indicating that the Board's preferred option for a second Sydney airport is in fact Richmond.

Council has consistently advocated for the retention of the Richmond RAAF Base as an operational facility for defence purposes and I believe that in view of the recent media coverage of the issue, the Federal Government should be reminded of their pre-election commitment that Richmond will continue as a permanent operational facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council once again make representations to the Prime Minister, Minister for Defence, and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, requesting their continued support for Richmond to continue as a permanent operational facility for defence purposes in line with the commitment that was made prior to the last Federal election.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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