

# TCC objects to plan for Tralee

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THE Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has reaffirmed its opposition to the proposed residential development in South Tralee by lodging an objection to Queanbeyan City Council.

The public exhibition for the Draft Local Environment Plan for South Tralee closed last week, and Queanbeyan City Council is expected to make a decision on whether to support the plan at a meeting later this month.

If supported, the draft plan, which would allow for up to 2500 new homes at South Tralee, would go to the State Government for approval.

The plan was re-exhibited after a Land and Environment Court ruling in January that there was a technical flaw in validity of the original public exhibition process.

Chair of the Tuggeranong Community Council's planning and environment sub-committee Dug Holmes said the TCC's stance was there to be no residential development at Tralee because of the future impact on flight paths that will occur.

"We held a survey when the first submission for South Tralee was due," Mr Holmes said.

"We collated the results and the majority, over 70 per cent, were opposed to residential development at Tralee and our submission has followed those lines.

"The main objection to the proposal

is the impact it may have on us with noise if flight paths from the airport are redirected after residential development occurs in what is currently a greenfield site.

"Because it is a greenfield site, this is the best option for flight directions for an airport to be compatible with the residents around it."

Mr Holmes said that if the development does go ahead, people would buy homes in the noise affected areas notwithstanding any warning or disclaimer regarding aircraft noise or fuel residue.

"Based upon experience in other cities, these residents will seek relief by 'sharing the load', that is, diverting flights over the Tuggeranong Valley and possibly other areas including Jerrabomberra," he said.

"Due to the fact the people of Tuggeranong Valley bought their properties on the basis of no overflights, the TCC objects to any proposal that would see residential development infringing upon the Canberra Airport flight path corridors."

Public submissions on the Draft Local Environment Plan (South Tralee) 2010 closed on Tuesday, November 2, with more than 1500 submissions being lodged with Queanbeyan City Council.

The Queanbeyan City Council will hold an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday, November 17 to discuss the submissions made on the draft plan.