

# Residents say no to Tralee

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TUGGERANONG residents do not want homes built at Tralee for fear aircraft noise will be forced over Canberra's southern suburbs.

This is the main finding of a survey conducted by the Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) before Christ-

mas. The council ran the online survey to guide its submission to Queanbeyan City Council regarding the planned new development at Tralee.

More than four in five of the respondents said building homes at Tralee was not a good idea and almost all believed any houses built there would be subject to aircraft noise.

One respondent to the survey said, "We lived in Hornsby before moving to Canberra in Jan 2003 [and] one of our reasons to move was the aircraft noise at Hornsby was impossible to live with. Hornsby's 23km away from Sydney Airport."

Others were sceptical about the argument that those buying at Tralee

would know about the aircraft noise problem, saying the experience of Jerrabomberra showed this was not the case. Suggestions were made that maybe Tralee would be better developed as a light industrial zone rather than as a residential area, or that an inter-governmental agreement guarantee no aircraft would be redirected over

Tuggeranong could be struck. TCC president Darryl Johnston said that while it had been quite a small survey due to the tight deadline, the results were conclusive.

"I think the comments ... demonstrate a great depth of feeling against any plans to build homes at South Tralee," he said.