

Mayor says noise fear a fallacy

By Meredith Clisby
TUGGERANONG Community Council believes an idea to develop Tralee as an extension of the Hume industrial site would provide a solution for residents fearful of aircraft noise.

The council is furious over the NSW government's decision to approve the Tralee residential development just south of Queanbeyan, which will provide about 2000 homes.

The FCC fears that noise complaints by residents under the current flight path of the Canberra Airport will inevitably lead to noise-sharing arrangements over Tuggeranong.

But Queanbeyan Mayor Tim Overall says the council's fears are based on misleading information.

The Tuggeranong executive has contacted a solicitor to investigate what compensation might be available to residents should noise sharing of flights be conducted in the future.

The council has also put forward a

proposal it believes will bring an end to the issue.

Former president Darryl Johnston said the council had never objected to the land at Tralee being developed as an extension to the existing Hume Industrial Estate.

It is just the developing of the land as homes that concerns the residents.

Mr Johnston said it would help ease the industrial land shortage in Canberra and Queanbeyan and go hand-in-hand with the ACT government's plans for an eastern employment corridor.

"We believe this will end residents' concerns over aircraft noise [and] the possible future relocation of flight paths over Canberra and Queanbeyan," he said.

"We have put forward this resolution in the past, now we hope people are listening and that all parties will consider it because we believe it will be a better outcome for all concerned."

Queanbeyan Mayor Tim Overall

will write to the Tuggeranong Community Council this week to explain the misconceptions he thinks it holds about the approved Tralee residential development.

He said Tuggeranong council members should look at the development's website for more information, which was sure to alleviate their concerns.

Cr Overall said there was no real chance that noise-sharing would be instigated in the future.

He said while there was a shortage of industrial land in Queanbeyan the Poplars development, in Jerrabomberra, would be released for industry and employment purposes.

This would go hand-in-hand with the new homes in Tralee.

Cr Overall said the council had listened to misleading information and its complaints about the project showed "a lack of knowledge, lack of understanding the facts".



Tuggeranong Community Council's Darryl Johnston has proposed an alternative to developing Tralee to housing.
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