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TCC seeks legal advice on Tralee

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has sought legal advice over any future negative impacts the Tralee residential development may have on Tuggeranong Valley residents. At its recent meeting TCC members voted unanimously in favour of a motion supporting talks between TCC executive members and its lawyers to discuss possible legal options available to Tuggeranong residents following the NSW Government's approval of the Tralee development.

TCC Secretary, Darryl Johnston, said TCC executive members have met with lawyers and discussions included the question of compensation for Valley residents who may be negatively impacted by aircraft noise in the future as a result of the Tralee development and possible changes to flight paths.

Mr Johnston said TCC members believe that despite all assurances from the NSW Government, Queanbeyan City Council and the developers, the new residents of Tralee will eventually become concerned about aircraft noise and will campaign to have flight paths moved over parts of Canberra and Queanbeyan that currently do not suffer from aircraft noise.

"This could include the Tuggeranong Valley," he said.

"If this development results in aircraft noise affecting the Tuggeranong Valley then we believe residents deserve to be fully protected and compensated for the loss of neighbourhood amenity, disruption to their lives and possible property devaluations," Mr Johnston said.

He highlighted the Sydney and Adelaide Noise Reduction Programs in which the Federal Government has already spent \$475 million on compensating residents, which includes purchasing homes and noise proofing others in both cities.

"The NSW Government, Queanbeyan City Council and the developers have been advised not to build homes at Tralee by their Federal and state political colleagues and several government and independent aviation, planning and environmental experts. Both the Federal and ACT Governments have opposed the development, warning that future Tralee residents will suffer from aircraft noise problems. The Federal Government's own aviation white paper released last year warned against residential developments close to airports," he said.

"We anticipate providing members with a report on legal options at the next full TCC meeting on Tuesday 4 December 2012," Mr Johnston said.

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