

# Council entertains future legal action

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TUGGERANONG Community Council believes residents could take legal action if they are affected by future aircraft noise stemming from Queanbeyan's new suburb of Tralee.

The residential development, which will provide about 2000 homes just south of Queanbeyan, was approved by the NSW government last year.

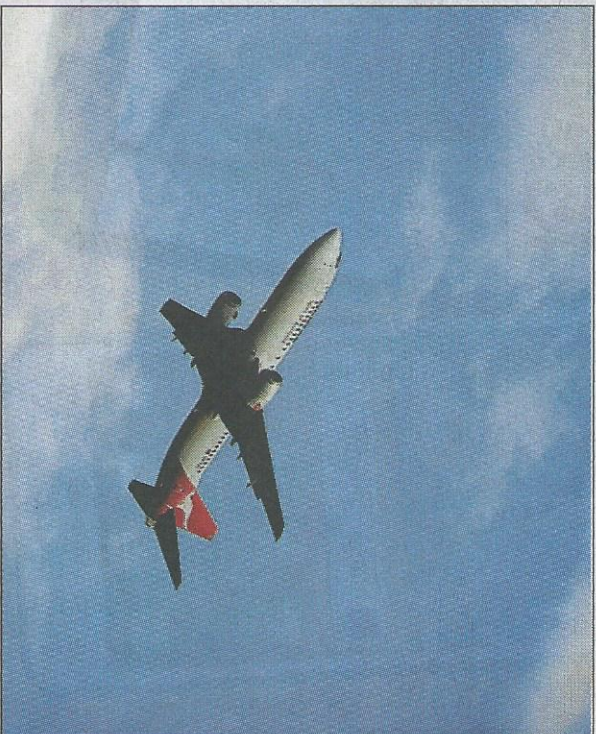
But Tuggeranong Community Council fears that noise complaints by Tralee residents under the current flight path will inevitably lead to noise-sharing arrangements over Tuggeranong.

Council secretary Darryl Johnston said lawyers advised the community organisation that residents might have the option to take individual or group legal action if flight paths were changed in a way that would adversely impact their amenity.

"Lawyers advise in such circumstances, action could be directed at the federal government or its agencies as they have responsibility for air traffic," he said.

"The [council] does not envisage taking legal action itself, however it will provide advice and support to individuals and groups of Canberra residents who may decide to take legal action themselves in the future."

Queanbeyan Mayor Tim Overall



A flight takes off from Canberra Airport.

said Tuggeranong Community Council's concerns were based on misleading information and its complaints about Tralee showed "a lack of knowledge, lack of understanding the facts".

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

Mr Johnston said the Tuggeranong Community Council wasn't convinced.

"The [council] opposes

residential development at South Tralee," he said.

"[We believe] that despite all assurances from the NSW government, Queanbeyan City Council and the developer, Tralee residents will express concerns about increased air traffic and noise in the future and successfully campaign to have flight paths relocated over parts of Canberra and Queanbeyan that currently do not suffer from aircraft noise."