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Subject: Re: Saving The Oaks Airport NSW from Telstra Tower & Ambidji issues

Hi Carl,

The proposed tower would have a effect on the conduct of any future student parachuting operations at The Oaks given the proximity to the circuit and operational area of the airport. There was a similar proposal for a mobile tower adjacent to the skydiving centre at Wilton. This was not proceeded with in a big part, due to the parachuting operations.

From the notes of the Ambidge report it appears they boast about the distance from Camden Airport then say it will have no impact on The Oaks airport! The Council are making an assessment on the current use of the airport and they will be a financial beneficiary of the approval, as stated in the report, the Council will receive rent for the mobile tower in the future.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority are only giving a broad statement of the tower risk to navigation. They are certainly not commenting on the risks to operations when student pilots are involved or if there is an airborne emergency to deal with.

Given the time frame to the meeting I am not sure I could get any more detailed comment on the proposal in time.

Regards

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