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Dear Mr Brown

I refer to your letter of 31 July 2007 to the Hon Frank Sartor MP, Minister for Planning, concerning the preparation of Penrith Council's new Principal local environmental plan (LEP) and the Air Services Australia Site at Cranebrook. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I have noted the concerns you have expressed regarding the future of the Air Services Site. As you are aware, the Department of Planning (DoP), Penrith Council and the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) have met with the landowners to discuss the future of the site. The landowners have participated in a Biobanking pilot program with DECC. The landowners have also been advised that any proposal to rezone the site for residential development will need to address the Sustainability Criteria contained in the Metropolitan Strategy. I can assure you that DoP, DECC and Council will continue to work together in relation to this site.

As you are aware, Penrith City Council is currently preparing a Principal LEP for the whole local government area. The Principal LEP is being prepared in two stages. It is expected that the first stage will be exhibited before the end of the year. This stage will include proposed zonings for the majority of non-urban lands in the Penrith area.

Should you have any concerns about the proposed zoning of certain lands in the draft Principal LEP, it is appropriate that you make a submission in writing to Penrith City Council at that time.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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