

Katoomba Airfield Petition hits 5000 Signatures

The Katoomba Airfield Community Group (KACG) has hit the halfway mark in its bid to get 10,000 signatures against the commercialisation of Katoomba Airfield.

In the seven weeks KACG has been in existence, its managed to get over 5000 hardcopy signatures, plus 2000 online signatures through Change.Org.

The 10,000 hardcopy signatures are vital as they enable KACG to put the issue before the NSW Parliament and force the Minister for Crown Lands to respond to significant concerns about the lease process for the airfield.

“While it may be standard procedure to hold a tender for a license to operate business on Crown Land without community consultation, we believe the location of the airfield within a national park—and the potential for helicopter tourism to affect surrounding communities and visitors’ experiences—means that the Department of Industry should have thought harder about how it approached the process from the beginning,” said KACG spokesperson, Stephen Cannings.

The NSW Government’s recent decision to dissolve the Office of Environment and subsume it into the Department of Planning and Industry has resulted in widespread criticism and concern that the government is not taking its environmental responsibilities seriously.

KACG supports the incorporation of the Katoomba Airfield into the world heritage listed national park that surrounds the site and its continued use as an emergency airfield.

The Katoomba Airfield Community Group (KACG) is made up of residents and small businesses from Medlow Bath, Katoomba and Blackheath. It supports genuine community engagement in decisions about the airfield and aims to get people actively involved in discussing planning decisions that could affect the Blue Mountains future.

Additional resources:

- Video: Reasons to care about the future of Katoomba Airfield (with quotes from the public)
<https://www.facebook.com/KatoombaAirfieldCommunityGroup/videos/308260403151523/>
- Our website:
<https://www.katoombaairfieldcommunitygroup.org>

<END>
