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FROM ANTHONY ALBANESE MP, YOUR FEDERAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



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## Sydney's Second Airport - It's time for action

Last month Anthony Albanese released the most comprehensive, independent study ever undertaken into Sydney's aviation needs.

This 3,200-page report, commissioned by both the Federal and NSW governments, makes it clear that Sydney needs a second airport and that not acting now would cause unacceptable economic, social and environmental consequences for Sydney, NSW and Australia.

Since the report was released Anthony has led the national debate in fighting for a second airport in Sydney.

As Anthony told reporters in Marrickville:

**"For too long, politics has intervened to stop a second Sydney airport. What we need is to act in the national interest, act in the interest of jobs, act in the interest of our tourism industry, act in the interest of the quality of life in Sydney."**

**"Anyone who has read this report has to conclude that we need a second airport sooner rather than later.** That's what Federal Coalition members have concluded, that's what the Federal Government has concluded, that's what Qantas and Virgin have concluded, that's what the business community have concluded. **It's time for Barry O'Farrell to actually read his own report and to get on board."**

Report: [www.infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/sydney\\_av\\_cap/index.aspx](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/sydney_av_cap/index.aspx)

# What the experts say - The Facts

WE NEED A SECOND SYDNEY AIRPORT BECAUSE:

## KINGSFORD SMITH IS FULL

The airport is physically small and surrounded by densely-populated communities. Melbourne Airport is two and a half times bigger and Brisbane is three times larger. **By 2015, the roads around the domestic terminal will exceed capacity, creating almost constant gridlock** on roads to the city. The report estimates that queues will be 3-4 kilometres long.

## ECONOMIC COST

International experience shows airports create 1,000 jobs for every one million passengers. Instead, Australia is on track to lose jobs and economic investment if we don't act now. **By 2035, the cost to Gross Domestic Product of turning away flights will be \$6 billion. By 2060 it will be nearly 6 times more.**

## AIRCRAFT NOISE WILL GET WORSE

Currently, on a typical busy day, noise-sharing is possible for only 9 hours. As demand grows, the parallel runways will need to be used more, reducing noise-sharing. By 2020, it will be 6 hours per day, dropping to as little as 3, **causing an unacceptable impact on local residents.**

## CANBERRA AIRPORT IS NO SOLUTION

As Transport Minister, **Anthony has initiated planning and strongly advocated for High Speed Rail.** Nonetheless, the experts are blunt that Canberra Airport is simply too far away to be an alternative to a second Sydney airport.

## The Opponents



### > Barry O'Farrell

The Premier is opposed to a second Sydney airport and **has not even bothered to consider the report.**

The Sun Herald has described Mr O'Farrell's opposition as "a serious case of inertia". **It ridiculed his alternative of expanding Canberra Airport** as the equivalent of the "British Government suggesting Leeds, 300 kilometres from London, as a back-up to Heathrow."



### > The Greens Political Party

Greens Party politician **Lee Rhiannon says "a second airport isn't needed"** and that "Barry O'Farrell's position of no second airport" is "better than that of the Federal Labor."

### > Max Moore-Wilton, Chairman of Sydney Airport Corporation, says **no action is needed on a second airport until 2049!**

## Who is supporting Anthony's plan

### Siroun Tontian, Marrickville

"A second airport is the only solution to aircraft noise in the inner west. Anyone standing in the way is letting our community down."

### Warren Bennett, executive director of the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia

"Talk of Canberra being the second Sydney Airport with a fast rail link is even more delusional and shows a complete disregard for the future economic development of NSW."

### Alan Joyce, Qantas CEO

"We cannot afford to wait much longer to make a decision about a second airport for Sydney. Aviation is too important, not just to Sydney and New South Wales but to Australia."

### Joe Hockey, Federal Liberal Shadow Treasurer

Mr Hockey has described Mr O'Farrell's position as "absurd" and said Sydney must make a decision on a second airport site.



# Action on climate change and support for households

Scientific evidence has confirmed our planet is warming. After more than two decades of debate, reviews and reports, the time to act is now.

The Gillard Labor Government's Clean Energy Future Legislation comes into effect on July 1 this year. It means that **for the first time, large polluters in Australia will have to pay a price for the pollution they emit into our atmosphere.**

As a result 160 million tonnes of pollution will be cut in 2020 – that's the equivalent of taking 45 million cars off the road.

This landmark legislation will also drive investment in clean energy technologies to create the low-carbon economy of the future, with the right combination of economic incentives, business certainty and Government support needed for new investment which will help lower the costs of renewables.

Under the Government's reforms around **\$100 billion is expected to be invested by 2050 in the renewable and clean energy sources of the future.**

Electricity generation will be transferred away from reliance on coal and towards low and zero-emissions energy sources like natural gas, wind, solar, ocean and geothermal power.

**It adds to Labor's proud tradition of environmental protection and supporting low and middle income families.**

It was a Labor Government which intervened to protect the Franklin River in Tasmania, led international efforts to protect Antarctica from mining and exploitation and it was a Labor Government which ratified the Kyoto Protocol in 2007.

Now this Labor Government has put a price on carbon and enacted **a household assistance package that targets direct financial assistance to millions of pensioners and low and middle income families** through payment increases and historic tax reform.

Under the Gillard Labor Government's plan for financial assistance to help ease in a clean energy future:

- **Every taxpayer with income below \$80,000 will receive a tax cut**, with most getting at least \$300 a year.
- Pensioners and Commonwealth Seniors Health Card Holders will receive a supplement of **\$338** per year for singles and **\$510** per year for couples combined.
- A nine month advance payment will be made in May or June this year with regular payments to start in March next year.
- Government allowances and family assistance payments (such as the Family Tax Benefit A) will increase by 1.7%.

The Clean Energy Future package protects the environment for our children and grandchildren and is a strong commitment to Australia's clean energy future. More information at: [www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au](http://www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au)



## Upgrade for Henson Park

Recently Anthony joined the Newtown Jets and Marrickville Mayor Morris Hanna to open the refurbished Henson Park ground.

**The work was funded by a \$920,000 grant from the Gillard Labor Government's Community Infrastructure Grants program and included:**

- **Replacement of the roofing and waterproofing the grandstand building** as well as improved handrails and repainting;
- **Reconstruction and resurfacing of the grandstand forecourt** to provide an accessible entry ramp to the building and repair damaged pavements;
- **Refurbishment of the public toilets** and sports canteen in the tower building (adjacent to the grandstand) and refurbishment of the canteen in the scoreboard building; and

- **Installation of an electronic scoreboard** to replace the existing manual scoreboard.

This historic ground hosted the closing ceremony for the 1938 British Empire Games and is widely **used by local schools and community groups** as well as being host to the Newtown Jets, AFL games and international Rugby Union squads.

**"The Jets are a part of the history of Newtown** and I am proud this funding has helped ensure Henson Park remains the home of the Jets for decades to come."

"I am pleased to have delivered so quickly on this election promise," said Anthony.



# NBN comes to town

**Homes and businesses in Camperdown, Enmore, Newtown, St Peters, Stanmore, Sydenham, Annandale and Canterbury are all part of the first stage rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN).**

Over the next three years 26,500 local homes and businesses will be on the way to having fast, reliable broadband through the NBN's fibre network.

The NBN is more than just faster broadband. It is about helping local kids gain access to world class education services through, for example, the use of high definition video conferencing; it is about families in Grayndler having **online access to health and aged care services**; and it is about **local businesses being more productive** and more profitable by finding new and better ways to do business.

There will be no cost for a standard NBN connection to your home or business beyond normal line rental.



## Paid Parental Leave

An Inner West baby boom has seen many local families take advantage of the Gillard Labor Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.

**Since the scheme started last year, over 1400 local parents have had claims for payments approved, one of the highest rates in the country.**

Paid Parental Leave provides eligible working parents with up to 18 weeks parental leave pay at the national minimum wage (about \$590 a week).

For many local families, this is the first time they have been able to access paid parental leave.

**"As with all other progressive social reforms, it was delivered by a Labor Government," said Anthony Albanese.**

Next year the scheme will be extended to include two weeks Dad and Partner Pay.

For more information, visit the Family Assistance Office website [www.familyassist.gov.au](http://www.familyassist.gov.au) or phone 13 61 50.

## KITS & HELP

**My office has booklets on:**

- **Guide to Federal Government Services**
- **Seniors**
- **School Leavers**
- **Veterans**
- **Families**

**If you would like a booklet or need assistance with any federal matters (for example Centrelink, Immigration or Tax), please call my office on**

**9564 3588**



With Leichhardt Wanderers junior football players at the NRL Learning Centre



Discussing NDIS with the PM at FRANS in Croydon

New libraries at Australia St Infants School in Newtown (top) and St Michael's Primary School in Stanmore (bottom)