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Mr. Jeffrey Peng,
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Sydney

Dear Mr. Peng,

Re Emirates Wolgan Valley Resort – Modification 4
Project Number MP06_0310, Mod 4

Please accept my submission opposing the project to alter the helicopter flight path and temporarily increase daily/weekly helicopter flights until restoration of the main road into Wolgan Valley is completed.

I am a local resident of the Blue Mountains and have bushwalked extensively on Newnes Plateau, Gardens of Stone reserves and Wolgan Valley. My first response to the application to increase helicopter flights from the original 4 a week to the current proposal of 210 a week or 30 per day is horror at the noise intrusion into the natural environment from so many flights.

The peace and quiet of these natural areas is one of their great attractions and so restorative to the human spirit and mind after rushing around in our modern high tech society. Surely, the guests staying at the Emirates Resort are going there for a quiet restful holiday and helicopter flights will destroy the peaceful amenity of the resort. The noise and activity will destroy the very unique sensitivity and wilderness values promoted on the Emirates Website.

There will be increased flights and noise over the Blue Mountains, already there are increasing plane and helicopter flights and noise, and residents are living with dread at the flights that will ruin our quiet lifestyle with the opening of the Western Sydney Airport. Here in Katoomba I am aware of increasing overhead noise and air pollution from aircraft.. I do not want more helicopters flying overhead.

The closure and limited access through Wolgan Gap is only temporary and full road access will be restored in August 2026, so therefore any increase in flights is not necessary.

Please reject this proposal because an Environmental Impact Statement has not been done to assess the impacts of this number of proposed flights that will impact the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute these comments.
Yours sincerely

Meredith Brownhill