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TOWRA POINT RULED OUT AS AIRPORT SITE

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton

The community noise problem involved in the operation of jet aircraft in the Towra Point area would be so severe, that the Minister for Civil Aviation has advised me that he has decided to direct the Interdepartmental Committee, convened to consider the future airport needs of Sydney, to exclude this site from its consideration.

While accepting that the advantages which modern aviation brings to the community as a whole are considerable, I nevertheless feel that our airport planning must avoid the imposition of an unacceptable noise burden on any particular section of the community. This I believe would be the situation if we went ahead with jet airport development at Towra Point. Accordingly, I have told the Minister for Civil Aviation that I concur in his decision not to give further consideration to possible future jet operations at Towra Point.

CANBERRA,
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