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Attention Ms Emma Butcher  
Regional Assessments  
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**RE: Objection MP 06 0309 MOD 3**

Dear Madam

I live in the area affected by Johnson Property Group's (JPG) helipad application referred to in this matter.

Whilst I have only lived in this immediate area for a little over 3 years, I am very much involved in the local community as Secretary of the local Sunshine Progress Association and, as such, feel I should lodge my objection to this proposal.

Having seen, over the past 3 years, the various "amendments" that have been put forward to yourselves and Lake Macquarie City Council on this proposal, I am firmly of the opinion that JPG are trying to manipulate the approval process. In relation to the Helipad, I believe it was in the original application for the Trinity Point development but, for whatever reason, was withdrawn. I can only assume that this would have been because they believed the whole proposal would not be approved with the Helipad included at that time. As far as I can see, nothing has changed since to justify the construction of the helipad.

We live across the lake from the Belmont Airport, the base for some of the Rescue Helicopters. They fly over our house at times at 500+ metres and the noise emitted from them is substantial. However, I believe that a helicopter of similar size to those used by the rescue service would be necessary to operate a viable transfer service to that proposed by JPG, allowing for passengers and luggage to be ferried in and out of the area. I was not home during the acoustic testing undertaken for this application but I believe it was similar, if not the same as one used by National Parks doing animal surveys & specially designed for minimal noise. If this is the situation, it is clearly an attempt by JPG to mislead yourselves as well as LMCC officials as that type of craft would be incapable of performing the tasks that the proposed helipad is required to provide.

If the intention of JPG was to use minimal size helicopters to ferry in or out one person and no luggage at a time, the cost of this service would not justify any sort of return on investment against the cost of the construction and maintenance of the helipad. However, if this is not the case, and the intent is to use larger helicopters, the only realistic option, then surely the decision to undertake the testing with smaller craft can only be viewed as an attempt to provide misleading results to the authorities.

The noise emitted from the larger craft at 500+ meters is quite loud and can be heard from kilometres away, even at that height. However, this would be nothing to the sound of similar craft at 100 metres down to zero as the helicopters come into land. Should this occur over water, the increased noise would be unbearable.

I strongly oppose the results of the acoustic report submitted by JPG as it does not directly state the helicopter noise in the way that a person perceives this noise. Before any consideration can be given to this proposal, I honestly believe there needs to be acoustic testing undertaken by a truly independent qualified body, approved by yourselves and LMCC using the type of craft to be used by the helipad. At least that way accurate information will be available for consideration. I also believe that, should approval be granted, it should be for the type of craft used in the testing or something agreed to be quieter.

