



## COALITION BACKS TAYLOR'S OPPOSITION TO WILTON AIRPORT

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Today, the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Warren Truss, expressed strong support for Angus Taylor's long held opposition to the Wilton airport proposal.

Mr Taylor said:

"I am on the record as a strong opponent of a second Sydney airport at Wilton. A year ago – almost immediately after I was preselected to be the Liberal candidate for Hume - I came along to the first rally about and spoke at it. In fact, I was the first donor to the Stop Wilton Airport Group (**SWAG**).

"Today, Warren Truss, the coalition's Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, slammed Anthony Albanese's flirtation with Wilton as the site of the second Sydney Airport. His response was emphatic.

"Mr Truss said that the Wilton study has been a distraction to enable Labor to put off making a decision about Sydney's Airport needs until after the election.

"Mr Truss has simply scoffed at the notion of a second Sydney airport at Wilton.

"As Mr Truss said today, the site is too far from Sydney, creates huge environmental issues and would never attract the patronage of the other options.

"The coalition has done some serious work on this, and understands that the proposal is driven by politics, as are most of Labor's ideas."

Mr Taylor said that he felt vindicated about the position he took last year, and said he had been putting the argument to coalition front benchers since that time:

"Today's coalition announcement response mirrors the position I took on this issue at the first rally last year. That's not surprising, as the Wilton proposal has absolutely nothing going for it.

"A report by Infrastructure New South Wales earlier this year thought the idea was such a good one that it didn't even mention Wilton as an option! It is not surprising that at both a State and Federal level the coalition takes the view that Labor's idea to shift a second airport to Wilton is ridiculous."

Mr Taylor concluded:

"I will continue to fight against this very silly proposal. I know we are winning, but we need to maintain the pressure."

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