



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

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ANTHONY ALBANESE SHOULD COME CLEAN TO THE FAMILIES OF WESTERN SYDNEY

DOES JOHN ROBERTSON SUPPORT HIM?

NSW Premier and Minister for Western Sydney Barry O'Farrell today repeated his position that the NSW Government does not support a second airport in the Sydney basin whether it's Wilton or Badgerys Creek.

Mr O'Farrell said the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Anthony Albanese was scaremongering the people of Western Sydney in claiming the Government is refusing to make a decision.

"Mr Albanese needs to front up to Western Sydney families and explain to them why he wants to build a new airport in their backyard," Mr O'Farrell said.

"And State Labor Leader John Robertson needs to say whether he supports a second airport being dumped on the people on the Western Sydney.

"Mr Albanese can't have it both ways. He refuses to add further flights to the existing Sydney Airport for fear of upsetting residents in his own electorate, but is arguing families in Western Sydney should be subject to new aircraft noise.

"It's laughable that Mr Albanese is sidestepping his responsibility on this issue. He refused the NSW Government's request to find a real solution by conducting the joint aviation study and the high speed rail study at the same time.

"The NSW Government believes no other part of Sydney should be contaminated by the sort of noise that comes with an airport.

"The most sensible option is to build a fast rail link to the federal capital and use Canberra Airport for additional capacity for flights," Mr O'Farrell said.

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