

Submission and request for hearing from Michael B. Thomas to the ADC Airport Draft Plan.

Kind regards,

Joe Brown
Chief Flight Instructor
Mid Canterbury Aero Club



From: Jane Thomas
Sent: Monday, 29 August 2022 9:46 am
To: CFI
Subject: airport proposal

Dear Sir.

I am making this submission in the hope that it will help the Ashburton District Council make the right decision on the proposed plan to allow a Flight Training School at our Airfield.

I was involved in the setting up of the Omarama Airfield where I was Chairman for many years. I owned and operated a business there with 3 planes for towing gliders so I understand the influence of high density movements. I have been flying for 50 years all over New Zealand and Australia and Alaska.

The development of this proposed plan has many attributes with the potential to encourage more GA and private pilots. We also have an approved Sky Diving business starting, which will increase traffic movement. But, having another very busy commercial business could have a very detrimental effect on our safety as pilots.

This would be caused by the hugely increased take-offs and landings. The 42 proposed extra landings would also have a detrimental impact on the grass on the runways and taxiways. There is also the potential for complaints from local rate-payers from greatly increased engine noise.

Therefore, I see NO advantage in having a commercial flying school here. If you allow this to happen, you will destroy our very successful and friendly local aviation community.

I want to be heard at a submission hearing.

Michael B Thomas.