

Airport relocation to be vigorously opposed

A MEETING of people who will be affected by the proposal to move Jandakot Airport to the Keysbrook area was told the move would not be viable.

Speaking to a crowd of more than 70 people, Jandakot Airport Chamber of Commerce president Michael Braybrook said the move was not in the best interest of aviation.

He said it was purely and simply to create real estate for property development.

Mr Braybrook disputed all three reasons for the move given by the proponents, Ascot Capital Limited and Jandakot Airport Holdings Pty Ltd.

"The safety record of the airport is the best in Australia, there is still extra capacity to the existing 415,000 aircraft movements per year, and the airport was deliberately developed close to the city and good transport routes, as airports are all over the world," he said.

Mr Braybrook said there was a risk of losing up to \$100 million to the local economy and more than 900 jobs.

On-site businesses such as Singapore Airlines and China Southern, which has 250 pilots undertaking training at any one time, do not support the move.

Keysbrook residents have vowed to fight the relocation of the airport and are supported by the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire Council.