

# SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



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**The Hon John Anderson MP**  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Transport and  
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Dear Deputy Prime Minister

I am writing to convey to you the resolutions and key issues arising from the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on Friday 7 July 2000.

The conduct of the Precision Runway Monitor (PRM) trial for landings from the north is a matter of significant concern for the Forum. I have already raised with you my strongly held view that the trial should be postponed until a time when a scientifically robust investigation can be carried out. The Forum strongly agrees with this approach and also supports my taking up this issue once again with the Environment Minister. I have also raised this matter with the Prime Minister. Clearly it is vital that the final decision on the use of PRM be based on defensible data and not on a suspect study that is open to challenge from any groups that may feel aggrieved by the outcome of the trial.

The Forum once again discussed the issue of providing insulation for the residents of Kurnell. Members continue to hold the very strong view that Kurnell warrants being treated as a special case given that more than 50 per cent of the movements at the Airport are to the south. The Forum therefore resolved to seek that you grant eligibility under the Sydney Airport noise insulation program for residential premises in Kurnell exposed to more than 25 ANEF.

A number of aspects of the workings of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) continue to be problematic. Specifically the Forum is concerned that at the present time there is an imbalance between the numbers of movements to the east of the Airport compared to the west, with the east now joining the north as an area which regularly exceeds its LTOP target. The failure to changeover from parallel runway operations to noise sharing modes on time, particularly at 11am, is also an ongoing issue that has yet to be resolved. These, and other detailed operational issues, are now being examined by the Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC).

As you will appreciate, the community representatives on the IMC are being asked to dedicate a significant amount of time to their work on the Committee. Unfortunately, from time to time the two nominated members are not able to attend the IMC meetings and therefore, to ensure that there is adequate community representation at meetings, the Forum is seeking your agreement to Mr Andrew Clinton being nominated as a permanent proxy for Mr Hill and Mr Clarke.

I have previously raised with you my concerns about the commitment of Airservices to providing information to the community. The Forum believes that the quality of the service provided by the Airservices Australia's Noise Enquiry Unit has actually deteriorated in recent months. This has been starkly evident this week with many Sydney residents, including myself, simply unable to get through to the NEU during PRM operations. Members will be monitoring the responses that are given to the public and I anticipate raising the ongoing problem areas directly with Airservices.

Finally, the Forum is very concerned at calls by the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA) for a change to the crosswind criteria for runway nomination at the airport. We would be very concerned if the review now underway solely resulted in reduced use of the east west runway. The Forum has asked that your Department keep it fully briefed on developments on the review you have requested.

I would be happy to discuss these matters further with you.

Yours sincerely

*Signed by Chair*  
*20 July 2000*

Dr Brendan Nelson MP  
Chairman