

# SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



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**The Hon John Anderson MP**  
Minister for Transport and Regional Services  
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Dear Minister

I am writing to advise you of the resolutions and outcomes of the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 15 November 2000.

You will recall that in my letter of 18 October 2000 I advised you that at the 27<sup>th</sup> Forum meeting a number of members indicated that they would resign if the Government failed to make a decision to proceed with an airport at Badgerys Creek before the end of October 2000. It would appear that some members followed through with their stated intention by not attending last week's meeting. I am now writing individually to each of the members to ascertain their position in relation to their continuing membership of the Forum.

You will also recall that in my letter of 18 October 2000 I raised the issue of separating the proposed 'power off' approach STAR trial from the PRM trial that is now being undertaken by Environment Australia. The Forum discussed this further at the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and passed the following resolution:

In view of members' general recognition of the merits of the industry's proposal, SACF recommends that with the availability of the noise monitors for the PRM trial, the opportunity be taken to assess the environmental benefits of the power off descent procedure associated with the STAR. This assessment is to be undertaken upon completion of baseline data gathering for the overall PRM trial and prior to the removal of the existing noise monitoring equipment.

The Forum was about equally divided on this issue and the resolution was passed with a narrow margin. It is also likely that a number of members who were absent (and whose formal position in relation to continuing membership is yet to be established) would have voted against the motion.

Members have expressed ongoing concern that once residences are insulated under Sydney Airport Noise Insulation Program (SANIP) there is currently no mechanism for ensuring that the integrity of the insulation is maintained for the benefit of future purchasers. The Forum agreed with the proposal put forward in a paper prepared by your Department that the NSW State and Local Governments should be approached to seek their views on ways in which advice on the insulation status of residences can be given to prospective purchasers. Specifically the Forum resolved that

*A statement should be placed on Section 149 certificates of houses which have been treated under SANIP recommending to prospective purchasers that the insulation be inspected by a qualified acoustic practitioner prior to the sale being finalised.*

The Forum's attention was also drawn to an issue with the definition of buildings under SANIP. It was claimed at the meeting that there was scope for a private dwelling to be defined as a 'boarding house' in order to circumvent the cap of \$55,500 on the expenditure for insulation of private dwellings.

You may be aware that the New South Wales Government is currently examining a proposal to amend the Local Environment Plan for areas in the Kurnell Sandhills. If this proceeds we understand that it may lead to the construction of residential developments in this part of the Kurnell Peninsula. As you know the area lies directly under the flight paths for aircraft landing from, and taking off to, the south when they use the main runway at the Airport. This area is also the area overflowed by aircraft using the Airport during the curfew. The Forum is of the view that the Commonwealth Government should examine all options, including possible purchase of land, to ensure that this vital noise corridor is maintained free of housing.

Finally, members discussed the advice in your letter of 14 August 2000 that there should be no proxies for either community or industry representatives at meetings of the Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC). The Forum believes that this imposes practical difficulties for both the industry and the community representatives on the IMC and therefore I would be grateful if alternative ways of achieving continuity of representation at IMC meetings could be examined.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Dr Brendan Nelson MP 20 November 2000
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Chair