

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



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

I am writing to convey the outcomes of the thirty-second meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on Friday 12 July 2002.

The meeting was well attended and was held in a cordial manner with discussion extending over a wide range of issues including the recent lease arrangements for Sydney Airport, Precision Runway Monitoring, Master Planning for the Airport and the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP). I have attached a copy of the Action Items for your information. Details of the main issues raised at the meeting are as follows.

The Forum expressed its concern that a reply to Senator Coonan's letter of 10 September 2001, on the previous SACF Meeting held in August 2001, had not been received (Refer Action Item 1).

Members expressed concern that the Forum had not met for 11 months. They stated that this was contrary to SACF's terms of reference. (Refer Action Item 1).

Members of the Forum expressed their concern that Sydney Airport was sold before the realisation of the LTOP targets and that this was contrary to the resolution which was passed at the last meeting. Concern was also expressed at the lack of consultation with SACF on the decision to proceed with the sale of the Airport. (Refer Action Items 1 and 3).

The Forum is keen to see the review of LTOP proceed as soon as possible. At the meeting, a sub-committee was formed, with broad representation, to oversight the review, including the Department and Airservices Australia in advisory roles. As a first step, the Terms of Reference will need to be agreed upon and an independent consultant engaged (Refer Action Item 9).

Regarding slot allocation, the Forum remains interested in this issue and still concerned that exceedances are likely. The Forum is keen for the Department to examine the legislation, in particular any breaches of the movement cap, and report back to it. Members are concerned that no penalties apply to exceedances of the movement cap. The following resolution was carried at the meeting (Action Item 2):

The Department of Transport and Regional Services to review the legislation [Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997] to identify opportunities to avoid excessive exceedance of the 80 movement cap per hour and to report back to the Forum.

In relation to Kurnell being considered as a special case under the noise amelioration scheme, the Department has arranged to meet with the Community Representative for Kurnell in August, to hold further discussions.

I look forward to your response to the issues raised by the Forum.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Senator Payne 15 August 2002
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Senator Marise Payne
Chair

Action Items from the SACF Meeting on 12 July 2002

Agenda Item 2 Action 32/1: The Chair to advise the Minister for Transport and Regional Services of the [following] three motions passed under this item.

SACF seek an explanation from the Minister as to why the Forum was not reconvened before now.

SACF registers its concern that no response has been given to letter of 10 September 2001 from Senator Helen Coonan, the former SACF Chair and that the Forum has not met for 11 months contrary to SACF's Terms of Reference.

- *SACF seeks the Minister's response as to why this has been the case.*
- *SACF seeks an answer that the Committee will meet in accordance with the Terms of Reference and assure appropriate time and attention will be given to key agenda items*

SACF registers its outrage that the sale of the Airport has been concluded despite the SACF resolution communicated to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services and Minister for Finance and Administration.

Agenda Item 7 Action 32/2: The Chair to advise the Minister of this motion which was carried under this item.

The Department of Transport and Regional Services to review the legislation [Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997] to identify opportunities to avoid excessive exceedance of the 80 movement cap per hour and to report back to the Forum.

Agenda Item 4 Action 32/3: The Chair to write to the Minister on this motion which was carried under this item.

SACF registers its concern regarding the Sale of the Airport

- *with regard to aircraft noise generally*
- *concern at the lack of consultation with SACF about the process of the sale and the decision to sell the Airport*
- *request a copy of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) roadshow video and supporting papers*
- *SACF is looking forward to future co-operation with the new owners.*

Agenda Item 5 Action 32/4: SACF to consult with Mr Clarke on the exact nature of the environmental issues raised as a result of the trial.

Agenda Item 6 Action 32/5: The Department to meet with Mr Hill, community representative for Kurnell concerning noise insulation.

Agenda Item 8 Action 32/6: The Secretariat to place Mode 6A on the agenda for further discussion at the next SACF meeting.

Agenda Item 8 Action 32/7: Airservices to make a presentation to SACF on emerging technologies.

Agenda Item 8.3 Action 32/8: The Chair to write to Airservices Australia on this motion.

That the Airspace Re-design Group should continue until the issues have been resolved.

Agenda Item 8.1 Action 32/9: The Chair to advise the Minister of this motion to form a sub-committee on the LTOP review.

1. *that a sub-committee of SACF be formed and be charged with oversight of the review of LTOP*
2. *that an independent consultant be appointed to carry out the assessment.*
3. *that members of the committee consist of seven SACF members and communicate regularly by electronic mail.*

Agenda Item 8.1 Action 32/10: The Chair to lead a subcommittee to provide guidance to the Minister on the most appropriate means of proceeding with the review.

Agenda Item 8 Action 32/11: Airservices to bring to the next meeting the usage profiles for the Noise Enquiry Unit's Complaints Line.

Agenda Item 11 Action 32/12: The Department to provide information on curfew penalties to Cr Hoopman.