

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



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The Hon John Anderson MP
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Dear Minister

I am writing to convey the outcomes from the 38th meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 12 December 2003.

Members continued to raise concerns about the potential impact that traffic forecasts contained in Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd's (SACL) draft Master Plan may have on issues such as the movement cap and Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) targets.

Airservices Australia advised members that with regard to Airservices Australia's decision to relocate the Terminal Control Unit (TCU) from Sydney to Melbourne, the Board had determined the most cost-effective time to make such a transition would be around 2010-2012. Airservices Australia further advised that staffing changes were not scheduled to begin until 2008 although a number of internal reporting responsibilities had recently been implemented. The Forum again noted their concerns about the potential loss of personnel and local knowledge of LTOP and other Sydney specific issues.

Mr Kevin Hill noted that his proposal for Kurnell to be considered as a special case for noise insulation requires a scientific study into the unique assessment and treatment of aircraft noise impact at Kurnell to be conducted. Mr Hill referred to your recent letter to the Hon Bruce Baird MP, Federal Member for Cook, in particular, the understanding in it that the study was to be funded by the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

I have sought further clarification from UNSW regarding the project options provided to Mr Hill in this instance and will raise this issue with you again after more information has been received and been considered by the Forum.

Concern was raised regarding acceptances of curfew breaches, in particular, the perception they were becoming more frequent. The meeting was advised that airlines are considered to be much more aware of the curfew dispensation guidelines and this understanding has led to an overall decrease in the number of requests as well as fewer requests that are outside acceptance parameters.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Senator Payne 2 February 2004

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CHAIR