

# SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



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

I am writing to convey the outcomes from the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 19 March 2004.

Following a request from the Forum for a sensitivity analysis of the traffic forecasts contained in the preliminary draft Master Plan, the Department advised that the Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd (SACL) provided the Department's assessing officers with traffic forecast data underpinning the assumptions in the draft Master Plan. Members were advised this data contributed to the Department's assessment of the Plan and included in your consideration of the draft Master Plan. I acknowledge the draft Master plan was approved on 22 March 2004.

Members raised particular concern regarding the emergence of Jetstar and their proposed use of narrow-bodied aircraft on domestic routes. It was noted the proposed operations appear to be inconsistent with the draft Master Plan assumption that as population and demand for travel increases, there is likely to be a move to larger aircraft.

As you are aware, the Forum submitted a comprehensive submission to SACL on the preliminary draft Master Plan and requested a written response from SACL outlining the manner in which the Forum's concerns were reflected in the draft document. The Department was alerted on 24 March 2004 of the existence of a response from SACL dated 20 January 2004. The letter was duly circulated to members on 26 March 2004.

I advised members that the LTOP Review Sub-Committee had endorsed the appointment of Airplan as the consultant that will support the Forum's work to investigate and report on each of the basic elements of LTOP. The public consultation phase of the investigation is well under way and Airplan is approaching Forum members individually for their views.

During discussion of the standing reports, members expressed a general concern about the apparent limited use of noise sharing modes recently, with particular reference to the months of December 2003 and January/February 2004.

Members were also advised of the appointment of Mr Dave Southgate of the Department to the position of Community Advocate, however details regarding the role, responsibilities, and evaluation of the advocate position is expected to be settled in consultation with Forum members in the near future.

Issues regarding airspace protection were again raised as a concern and the Department provided members with a detailed presentation on the legislative framework surrounding Obstacle Limitation (OLS) and Procedures for Air Navigation Systems Operations (PANS-OPS) that protect airspace around airports.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Marise Payne 22 April 2004
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**MARISE PAYNE**  
**CHAIR**