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Dear Senator Payne

Thank you for your letter of 30 April 2004 concerning the outcomes from the March meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF).

I note members' concerns regarding the possible implications to the Sydney Airport Master Plan forecasts with regard to the use of narrow-body aircraft by future Jetstar operations. I am advised that Jetstar will replace Qantas on certain routes, initially using a fleet of 14 Boeing 717s and from June 2004, will progressively begin to introduce larger Airbus A320 aircraft and Jetstar intends to eventually replace all 717s with a projected fleet of 23 A320s.

The introduction of larger aircraft (such as A320) by domestic airlines such as Jetstar is in line with the Sydney Airport Master Plan assumptions on forecast passenger growth and increases in passengers per flight.

I note that Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) provided a written response to SACF concerns raised in their submission to SACL's preliminary Draft Master Plan and that the response has been circulated to members.

I am also pleased to note that the LTOP Review is progressing well and SACF members are contributing to Airplan's investigation. I would expect Airplan's work to be fully completed by end June and I understand Airplan's report will address members' general concern regarding the limited use of noise sharing modes recently.

I acknowledge the appointment of Mr Dave Southgate to the position of Community Advocate for the duration of the six month trial that commenced on 19 March 2004. I am also happy to observe that a number of SACF members have recently engaged the services of Mr Southgate in that role.

Thank you for advising me of the outcomes of the last SACF meeting.

Yours sincerely

Signed by John Anderson 25 May 2004

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