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Dear Senator ~~Payne~~ *Marise,*

Thank you for your letter of 26 July 2005 concerning the outcomes from the 42nd meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF). I would appreciate it if you continue the practice, which I understand occurred with the previous Minister, of writing to me after each regular meeting to inform me of the activities of the Forum. I understand that the SACF has made significant progress in finding solutions for the aircraft noise issues affecting Sydney residents.

I have been advised that some members have expressed some concerns that the Review of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) did not meet their expectations. I understand that the LTOP Review sub committee which oversees the work associated with this Review developed a Schedule of Further Works for consideration by the consultants. I trust that the consultants will address the concerns expressed by the community representatives in that further work and that the review will be finalised this year.

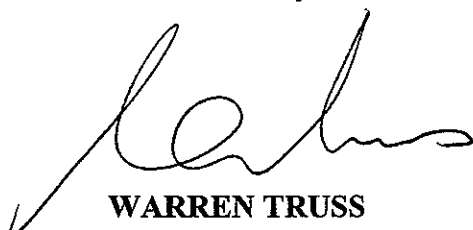
I also understand that the SACF has given consideration to the creation of a community advocate position which would investigate operational and performance issues for the management of aircraft noise issues at the airport. I note that Members agreed to form a sub committee to resolve this issue and that it recently met to form a proposal that will go to the full SACF for consideration on 2 September. I look forward to receiving the advice of SACF on the possible continuation of the Community Advocate position.

In relation to the Department's study into airspace protection at Kingsford-Smith Airport, I am aware that my Department has had useful discussions with relevant NSW agencies and that amendments to the regulatory regime are likely, although the Department's study is still in an early stage of development.

I welcome Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd providing members with regular reports on developments at the airport as this provides members an opportunity to comment on issues that may affect them.

Thank you for providing me advice on SACF's discussions and I look forward to further reports from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warren Truss', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name 'WARREN TRUSS'.

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