

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



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The Hon Warren Truss MP
Minister for Transport and Regional Services
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am writing to convey the outcomes from the 45th meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) which was held on 10 March 2006.

The main issues discussed were the potential increased use of marginally compliant (hush kitted) Chapter 3 aircraft at Sydney Airport and progress on appointing a Community Advocate.

I advised the meeting that I had discussed the Community Advocate position with you and had agreed that there were a number of accountability and budgetary issues that remained to be resolved. I indicated that I was hopeful that the appointment would proceed in the near future. I would like to finalise this for the next meeting on 9 June 2006.

Members continue to be concerned about the use of hush-kitted Chapter 3 aircraft and were of the opinion that allowing a restriction on their use on an airport by airport basis could lead to inconsistencies on any control on their use across Australia. Members were also concerned that there appears to be no ongoing monitoring of the noise emissions levels of these aircraft once they have entered Australia certified as Chapter 3 compliant. Members indicated that with their advanced age and any operation differing from that set out in the original noise certificate such as flat settings on take-off they may not now be meeting the appropriate noise standard. Members suggest that there should be regular audits of their noise performance to ensure that they are operating at the appropriate noise level.

Members also wished to clarify their proposal in relation to protected airspace around Sydney Airport. They noted the reference in your letter of 9 March 2006 to their proposal as a ban on all high-rise development around the leased federal airports, which they would prefer to couch in terms to the effect that the legislation should proceed on the basis that there should be no penetrations at all of Commonwealth protected airspace.

Out of session, the SACF LTOP Review Subcommittee hopes to review the consultant's final work on this project at a special meeting prior to the next SACF meeting on 9 June and report back to the full Forum at that meeting for any further discussion on the Review.

You may also wish to note that following representations from SACF Airservices Australia has decided to reinstate its free call service for lodging aircraft noise complaints. Its use will be kept under review given the record of past abuse of the service by multiple callers but Members were most appreciative of Airservices' offer in this regard.

I will await your views on the issues outlined above that were raised at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marise Payne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MARISE PAYNE
CHAIR