

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 46th meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) which was held on 9 June 2006.

The main agenda item for the meeting was a presentation of Task Force 3's (TF 3's) recommendations in relation to alternative flight paths to the "high and wide" and "trident" flight paths of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP). The presentation was made by Mr Jim Ludlow, the community representatives' adviser on TF3. There was substantial discussion on this item and it was decided to defer further discussion until the Forum's September meeting. In the interim, there are a number of technical issues Members would like the TF 3 subcommittee to address. No decision on how to progress the recommendations will be made until after the September meeting. It was agreed that the recommendations should not be made public at this time.

Other items receiving attention included the continuing operation of hush-kitted B727s, the SACF's Review of LTOP, and the Aviation Community Advocate position.

Members are most appreciative of your offer to take their concerns about the continuing operation of hush-kitted B727s in Australia into account when amendments to the relevant legislation are drafted.

However, they are still concerned about possible differences in noise levels between those established at the time of certification and the actual noise levels while the aircraft are being operated years later after the certification. Members have indicated that this issue, in particular regular checking of noise levels of these aircraft, will be the subject of ongoing discussion at future meetings.

The LTOP Review Subcommittee had decided at its meeting of 17 May 2006 that the consultant's Supplementary Report with its recommendations completed his work on the LTOP Review and the Forum agreed with this decision. The Report's recommendations and Airservices Australia's capacity to implement them have been referred to the Implementation and Monitoring Committee for consideration and advice back to SACF.

The Forum was grateful for your agreement to a model for the Community Advocate position. As discussed with you at our recent meeting on this matter, I have met with your Department to settle the details of the appointment and we hope to finalise these matters in the near future. Members will have the opportunity to discuss the arrangements further before the creation of the position is made public.

In addition, Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) gave Members a detailed presentation on developments and activities at Sydney Airport. Members appreciated the opportunity to acquire an overview of the airport's general operations and detailed information on SACL's development plans for it.

I will await your views on the issues raised at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marise Payne', with a stylized, cursive script.

MARISE PAYNE
CHAIR