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Dear Senator Payne *Marise,*

Thank you for your letter of 20 July 2006 regarding the outcomes from the 46th meeting of the Sydney Airport community forum (SACF).

I note progress made by Task Force 3 concerning alternatives to the "high and wide" and "trident" flight paths and agree with the Forum's decision not to make the recommendations made by Task Force 3 public until further discussion on technical issues of concern to members has been undertaken.

I recognise the continuing concern of members regarding the possible differences in noise levels from aircraft at the time of certification and on an ongoing basis and look forward to receiving additional information and updates arising from further discussion on this matter.

I note your advice that the Long Term Operating Plan Review Supplement Report recommendations have been referred to the Implementation and Monitoring Committee and await further advice when the Committee reports back to SACF in due course.

I am pleased with progress on the position of Community Advocate. I understand my Department has recently met with you to discuss the position in more detail and that a draft position description has been forwarded to you for consideration.

Thank you for writing to me on these issues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warren Truss', written in a cursive style.

WARREN TRUSS