

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



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The Hon Mark Vaile MP
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Transport and Regional Services
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

I am writing to convey the outcomes of the 48th meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 24 November 2006. It is my pleasure to write to you on behalf of the Forum to ensure you as Minister for Transport and Regional Services are advised of SACF's meetings and activities.

The Department reported that building work for the Sydney Airport Noise Amelioration Programme (SANAP) has been completed. However, members of SACF are concerned that further insulation may be necessary in the future, and request that consideration be given to amending the relevant legislation that would allow the aircraft noise levy to be reinstated at Sydney Airport. The resolution to seek the reinstatement was supported by SACF, with industry representatives expressing their reservations.

Members expressed disappointment at the decision made by the former Minister that Kurnell be denied eligibility for aircraft noise insulation on a special case basis. I endorse their concerns and ask that you reconsider noise insulation for the Kurnell community. I would like to meet with you to discuss the future of the noise insulation program in Sydney.

Tenders have closed for the Aviation Community Advocate and a contract will be finalised early in the new year.

There remains concern that LTOP targets are not being met and a motion was carried requesting that independent advice be made available to SACF to better understand why this is the case. As has previously been the case, such work is contingent on funding being available for further consultancy work.

Airservices Australia have provided preliminary work on Taskforce 3's recommended slightly higher and slightly wider flight paths. However we will wait for more detailed assessment and information before further considering this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marise Payne'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MARISE PAYNE
CHAIR