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The Hon Mark Vaile MP
Deputy Prime Minister
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Dear Minister *Mark*

I am writing to convey the outcomes of the 51st meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum held on 28 September 2007.

Forum members were pleased to note that Airservices Australia has instructed airline operators to fly ICAO-A equivalent Noise Abatement Departure Procedures as foreshadowed in your letter of 19 September 2007.

Forum members also noted the sentencing of Gulf Air for two curfew breaches in 2005. While community members and representatives were gratified by the support the prosecution displays for the curfew at Sydney Airport, concerns were raised about the perceived inadequacy of the penalties applied to Gulf Air. Some members felt that heavier fines than the \$167,500 (out of a possible \$550,000 for each breach) would have been more appropriate.

On a different matter, a subcommittee of Forum members has been formed to assist with the oversight of the Aviation Community Advocate's work program. The draft of the work program is due to be finalised shortly, allowing Mr Tony Williams to commence the projects Forum members have requested he undertake.

It is my intention to write to the Sydney papers to confirm the appointment of Mr Williams to the Advocate position, to ensure that all residents of the Sydney community who feel affected by aviation operations around Sydney Airport are aware of the existence and purpose of the Advocate.

Yours sincerely



MARISE PAYNE
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