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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local
Government

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am writing to convey the outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Sydney Airport
Community Forum (SACF) held on Friday 10 October 2008.

Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) advised the meeting that the RESA
project was beginning on 15 October 2008 and SACF resolved that it was
necessary for additional Airservices reports to be distributed to members during the
project.

SACF members continue to participate in the Implementation Monitoring
Committee (IMC). The IMC is focussed on looking closely at the impact of
Modes 15 and 9 on the eastern suburbs of Sydney during the RESA period, as well
as mitigation strategies to reduce noise impacts on other residents during the
project.

Forum members engaged in considerable discussion surrounding the
implementation of LTOP. It was resolved that your Department was to produce a
report addressing why the LTOP targets are not being met and indicate what
measures would need to be put in place to achieve the targets.

The Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) for Sydney Airport was also discussed
and it was noted that SACL is now implementing the planned consultation process
which closes in mid December. It was resolved that the Aviation Community
Advocate, Mr Tony Williams, will co-ordinate SACF's submission on the PDMP
and will present a draft to the next scheduled meeting of SACF on
5 December 2008; approximately one week before the consultation period closes.

Finally, SACF resolved to make a submission to Infrastructure Australia in
response to its call for submissions on future infrastructure needs for
Australia. SACF's submission surrounds the need for a decision to be
made on the major airport needs of Sydney, and is at Attachment A. This
was submitted to Infrastructure Australia on 15 October 2008.

Yours sincerely

VIC SMITH
CHAIR

NEED FOR A DECISION ON THE MAJOR AIRPORT NEEDS OF SYDNEY

Submission to Infrastructure Australia by the Sydney Airport Community Forum

The major airport needs of Sydney have been on the agenda since the late 1940's due to the limited land area and environmental constraints of the current Sydney Kingsford-Smith Airport site. This raises the question of whether Sydney needs a second airport. Sections of the community in Sydney would argue that the airport has already exceeded its capacity to operate in an environmentally acceptable manner. Forecasts for 2029 in the Sydney Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP), which is currently on public exhibition, indicate the following percentage increases relative to 2007:

- Passenger movements up 147%
- Annual aircraft movements up 49%
- Average passengers per aircraft up 66%
- Average aircraft movements per hour up 50%

The Meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum held on 10 October 2008 resolved to make the following submission to Infrastructure Australia while acknowledging that these are not the views of aviation industry members of the Forum:

THAT Infrastructure Australia should provide the following advice to the Australian Government, with respect to the major airport needs of Sydney, having regard to the current PDMP including maintenance of both the curfew and the cap of 80 movements per hour:

- (a) the amount of time which might be required and should therefore be allowed to identify, select and preserve an airport site;
- (b) the amount of time which should be allowed to consult, design, evaluate and construct a first stage;
- (c) which elements of the current airport have a limit to their capacity – including land transport and the capacity of residents to tolerate increases in aircraft noise as a consequence of noise sharing becoming inadequate in the short term and virtually ceasing to exist before 2029, together with projected increases in the size of aircraft and the number of operations;
- (d) the means by which these constraints to growth might appropriately be measured;
- (e) the dates by which each capacity limit might be reached;
- (f) the extent to which “level of service” should also be a consideration;
- (g) the extent to which any other infrastructure proposals, at either a state or national level, might need to be integrated with this Sydney Airport decision.

The Forum particularly wishes to ensure that this issue is comprehensively considered by Infrastructure Australia, that a decision is made, and that the Australian Government is provided with advice upon which timely action can be taken.