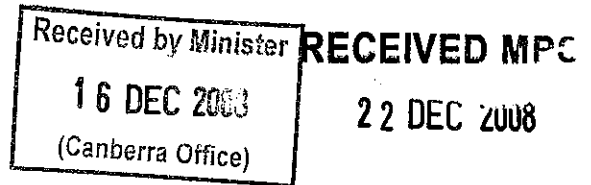




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8 December 2008

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 sixth meeting of the Sydney Airport
Community Forum (SACF) held on Friday 5 December 2008.

The Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) for Sydney Airport was discussed in
length and became the main focus of the meeting. The Aviation Community
Advocate, Mr Tony Williams, has been drafting a submission on SACF's behalf. A
summary of the draft SACF submission was tabled at the meeting. Considerable
discussion took place regarding the content of the submission and final editing will
take place this week before the consultation period's closing date of
16 December 2008.

The RESA project was another important Agenda Item at the meeting. It was noted
that additional reports are being produced by Airservices Australia and distributed
to Members during the project. SACF also continues to submit its status reports to
SACF within the timeframes outlined in your Conditions of Ministerial Approval.

Airservices Australia gave a presentation on Webtrack, a new interactive tool that
will be available to the public, giving them access to information regarding both
departure and arrival flight paths. I believe that the introduction of Webtrack is a
very positive initiative that will assist the community to more fully understand the
noise environment around Sydney Airport.

Finally, Forum members engaged in discussions surrounding the Government's
Green Paper, 'Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement'. While it was noted
that SACF will make a submission to the Green Paper, there was a consensus view
that the length of the consultation period, which runs over Christmas and the
holiday period, provides inadequate time for the Forum to develop a considered
submission. I would therefore seek your agreement to SACF providing its
submission on the Green Paper by the end of March 2009.

Yours sincerely

VIC SMITH
CHAIR