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Dear Mr Smith

Vic,

Thank you for your letter dated 14 March 2008 about the outcomes of the last meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF).

I am pleased that Sydney Airport Corporation gave presentations to members on the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) project and has since released a draft Major Development Plan (MDP) which is currently open to community consultation. I trust Sydney Airport will continue to keep SACF informed of its progress on the RESA project to assist members prepare a comprehensive submission into the MDP process.

I note your intention to discuss the achievability of the targets of the Long Term Operating Plan at the next SACF meeting and I look forward to reading the review of the Aviation Community Advocate position and considering SACF's recommendations. I thank you for your time, and the efforts of Mr Peter Fitzgerald and Mr Dave Southgate, in preparing this review.

As you are aware I have confirmed several additions to the SACF membership since the last meeting on 15 February 2008. I welcome Canterbury, Ashfield and Sutherland Shire Councils as members and look forward to their contributions on SACF. Thank you for informing me of the outcomes of the first meeting of the newly formed SACF.

Yours sincerely

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