



Sydney Airport Community Forum

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Dear Minister

I am writing to report on the outcomes of the meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on Friday 10th of July 2009.

Members discussed the issue of the second airport for Sydney and indicated they would appreciate your advice on whether the Government's policy is for the second airport to be within the Sydney Basin.

The Forum expressed interest in the discussion paper '*Safeguards for airports and the communities around them*' recently released by the Government. In particular members were concerned that penetrations of the Sydney Airport Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) by new buildings may restrict long term options for sharing noise through the spreading of flight paths.

During discussions on the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) project there was broad agreement that Mode 15 has been a positive addition to the suite of noise sharing modes available under the Airport's Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP). Members sought an examination into the potential for this mode to be adopted as a permanent LTOP mode. Appreciation was expressed for the recent significant increase in the use of SODPROPS. However, the community representative for the South indicated reservations as increases in the use of SODPROPS have negative impacts for residents of Kurnell.

A considerable proportion of the meeting was spent discussing the Aviation Community Advocate (ACA) position. There was broad consensus that the ACA position has been of real value in assisting both Forum members and the wider community in understanding, and gaining information on, aircraft noise exposure patterns associated with Sydney Airport. A number of members praised Mr Williams for the way in which he has carried out his role as the ACA. The meeting expressed support for continuation of the ACA position while agreeing that for specific projects, access to additional expert advice would be very valuable. The meeting resolved:

SACF has found the Aviation Community Advocate position has been invaluable in providing it, its members and the broader community with assistance, information and advocacy of the community interest on aviation issues and aircraft noise at Sydney Airport. Accordingly, based on this experience SACF reiterates its position on the Aviation Community Advocate as expressed in its response to the Government's 2009 National Aviation Policy Green Paper and resolves as follows:

- *The position of Aviation Community Advocate should be held by a suitably qualified and independent individual;*
- *The Aviation Community Advocate should be supplemented as necessary by independent expert advice; and*
- *An allocation of funding should be made available by Government for the Aviation Community Advocate position and to meet the costs of advice of technical experts from a proposed panel of experts on an as required basis.*

I look forward to receiving your advice on the issues raised by the Forum.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Cotter". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mr Barry Cotter
SACF Chair