



Sydney Airport Community Forum

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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development
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Dear Minister

I am writing to convey the key outcomes of the meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 27 November 2009.

Extended debate continued on issues surrounding the Aviation Community Advocate (ACA) position, the lack of available government funding and the provision of expert advice to the Forum on an ad hoc basis. Discussion also surrounded the ACA position being administered through unspent funds raised under the *Aircraft Noise Levy Act 1995*. The Department agreed to provide written responses to a list of questions provided by one member. The ACA position remains a contentious issue for some members.

Airservices advised they are continuing to monitor the noise issue over the Cook and Lowe areas and confirmed there has been an increase in traffic as a result of the RESA works. Both Airservices and the Department also agreed to provide comments on a submission provided by the SACF member representing Ashfield Council entitled, 'Community Noise Report Summer Hill', which discusses noise monitoring of departures over Summer Hill.

Airservices provided a presentation on new technologies available in the aviation industry and the implication these may have for the concentration of flight paths. Members expressed concerns about the potential for the new technologies to lead to the loss of noise sharing over different areas in Sydney.

SACF members were advised that the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC) is investigating the convergence of flight paths over the Richmond area and the ongoing issues surrounding the concentration of flight paths. Discussion also surrounded curfew landings over residential areas and sleep disturbance issues contained in a report recently published by the World Health Organization.

In response to the issue being raised, the Department advised SACF members that the Federal and State Governments will carry out a joint study into additional airport capacity for Sydney and further details would be announced in the White Paper.

Finally, SACF members agreed that the Secretariat would create a future 'Calendar of Events' to include all significant SACF related dates and reports for 2010.

The Forum will be meeting next on Friday 19 February 2010.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Cotter'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and 'C'.

Mr Barry Cotter
SACF Chair