



Sydney Airport Community Forum

Mr Barry Cotter
Chair: Sydney Airport
Community Forum

Ms Maria Patrinos
Community Representative

Mr Kevin Hill
Community Representative

The Hon John Murphy MP
Federal Member for Lowe

The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP
Federal Member for Sydney

The Hon Peter Garrett MP
Federal Member for Kingsford-Smith

The Hon Tony Burke MP
Federal Member for Watson

The Hon Robert McClelland MP
Federal Member for Barton

The Hon Joe Hockey MP
Federal Member for North Sydney

The Hon Paul Fletcher MP
Federal Member for Bradfield

The Hon Maxine McKew MP
Federal Member for Bennelong

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Federal Member for Wentworth

Mr Scott Morrison MP
Federal Member for Cook

The Hon Kristina Keneally MP
State Member for Heffron

The Hon Frank Sartor MP
State Member for Rockdale

The Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP
State Member for Marrickville

Ms Clover Moore MP
State Member for Sydney
Lord Mayor of Sydney

Cr Sam Iskandar
Mayor of Marrickville

Cr Ron Hoenig
Mayor of Botany Bay

Cr Jamie Parker
Mayor of Leichhardt

Cr Ted Cassidy
Mayor of Ashfield

Cr Robert Furolo
Mayor of Canterbury

Cr Lorraine Kelly
Mayor of Sutherland Shire

Mr Russell Balding
CEO, Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd

Captain Rob Edney
Australian Airline Industry

Mr Warren Bennett
Board of Airline Representatives of Australia

27 May 2010

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development
and Local Government
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

On 6 October 2009 I wrote to you about SACF's request for a study into aircraft and air navigation technology and how it may enhance noise sharing. In response you advised you had asked your Department and Airservices to prepare a paper outlining the potential scope of the research, likely associated costs and the potential application of such a study to all our major leased airports, not just Sydney Airport.

I can now advise that SACF has further considered this issue and has prepared a draft Terms of Reference in consultation with your Department and Airservices Australia.

SACF members welcome any technology that assists with limiting noise on the communities surrounding Sydney Airport. However members are concerned about the potential for this new technology to concentrate flight paths and noise over residences and communities.

SACF believes any new national standard or system should only be applied at a specific airport once local considerations have been carefully considered, and any use of Required Navigation Performance (RNP) at an airport such as Sydney must be in a manner consistent with Sydney Airport's Long Term Operating Plan.

SACF requests continuing involvement in the study and reiterates its view that implementation of RNP should only proceed where it assists in fairer noise sharing.

Yours sincerely

Barry Cotter
SACF Chair