



Sydney Airport Community Forum

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The Hon. Barry O'Farrell, MP
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Dear Premier

Thank you for your letter of 6 March 2013 in which you stated your support for increasing the movement cap at Sydney Airport to 85 movements per hour in peak periods and allowing additional flights during the curfew shoulder period, and your opposition to a second airport in the Sydney basin.

The *Joint Study into Aviation Capacity in the Sydney Region* found that while increasing the movement cap could provide some additional capacity in the short-term it would not meet the medium to long-term capacity gap. The Joint Study found that changes to the curfew would have a minimal impact on capacity and the steering committee did not support these changes. If implemented, these measures would put more aircraft movements over Sydney residents at noise sensitive times and further erode the time available in the curfew period for residents to enjoy a good night's sleep.

The principal finding of the Joint Study is that major economic benefits will be lost if a second Sydney airport is not built by 2030. The Forum urges you to reconsider your position on Sydney Airport's capacity and adopt a long-term view that takes into account what is best for the residents of Sydney and New South Wales.

Yours sincerely



Peter Fitzgerald
Chair.