



# Sydney Airport Community Forum

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Dear Deputy Prime Minister

The Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) met on 15 August 2014 and discussed a broad range of issues relating to Sydney Airport.

The Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) representative provided a comprehensive briefing on the consultation process for the Preliminary Draft Major Development Plan for the Sydney Airport Ground Transport Plan and Hotel. SACL also advised that the recent installation of the Ground Based Augmentation System (GBAS) navigation system and high intensity approach lighting allows the airport to continue operating during low visibility conditions, reducing the number of aircraft that would otherwise have to be diverted to other airports.

Airservices Australia provided a demonstration of the VOLANS software which provides a 3 D illustration of aircraft flight tracks and their associated noise footprints. Members appreciated the potential for this software to improve public presentation about aircraft noise. Several members requested access to source data from radar tracking to enable them to do their own analysis independent of Airservices. Airservices agreed to report back to a future meeting on its policy for sharing raw radar data.

Members provided feedback on a review of the terms of reference and membership of SACF, which for the most part was concerned with maintaining the focus of the Forum. I look forward to meeting with you in the near future to discuss this review.

Several members also reiterated their support for an aviation community advocate to provide advice to government and community representatives, and requested that I ask you to reconsider funding such an appointment.

Yours sincerely

John Alexander  
Chair

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