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Dear Mr Alexander

Thank you for your letter of 13 September 2016 regarding the meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 12 August 2016.

I have written to Ms Linda Burney MP inviting her to become a member of SACF representing the electorate of Barton. I support your recommendation that the Blue Mountains City Council be invited to attend SACF meetings as an observer.

I support the proposal for the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman to present an overview of international research on aircraft noise annoyance and community impact, and I expect that this presentation will inform the Forum's consideration of the next steps on aircraft noise research.

I also welcome the efforts of the Implementation and Monitoring Committee to develop a detailed suite of metrics to gauge the performance of the Long Term Operating Plan.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me on these matters.

Yours sincerely



**DARREN CHESTER**