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The Hon John Anderson MP

Minister for Transport and Regional Services

Parliament House

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Dear Minister

At the seventeenth meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 26 February 1999 members agreed to the adoption of the following resolutions and resolved that these be forwarded to you for your consideration:

Rejection of Precision Radar Monitoring System (PRM)

The meeting expressed strong concerns about the impacts of PRM and resolved that

SACF rejects any Airservices Australia proposals which impose multiple overflights over residential areas.

The SACF calls upon the Minister to direct that no further development, trial or implementation of PRM at the airport occur until a full environmental assessment has been conducted and considered by SACF.

Implementation of LTOP

The meeting reviewed the progress of LTOP and resolved that its implementation lacked sufficient progress.

This committee is appalled at the lack of progress by Airservices Australia (AA) in their implementation of LTOP and their failure to meet LTOP targets.

That the Minister report monthly to the community on actual vs target percentage of total movements by North, South, East and West quadrants and on progress towards targets since last report.

That a LTOP implementation program and management plan be promulgated by the Minister with target dates and responsibilities specified.

Relationship between Slots and LTOP

The Forum examined your letter of 18 February 1999 and your response on this issue. It formed the view that the Slots Policy is not compatible with LTOP and asked for clear policy direction to overcome this inconsistency.

This committee is dismayed that the Minister would not wish there to be consistency between 2 government policies - slots and LTOP. We again call upon the Minister to provide clear policy direction for the allocation of slots to always be compatible with the achievement of the LTOP.

Insulation Program

The Forum Members examined your letter of 18 February 1999 and your response on this issue and resolved that the resolution in that letter be passed back to you for further consideration.

SACF notes that the insulation program for properties to the north of the Airport ceases this calendar year.

SACF notes that properties to the north originally proposed to be insulated are now excluded. SACF also noted that noise levels for these affected properties have not diminished (note report on LTOP implementation).

SACF also notes that the Senate Select Committee Report "Falling on Deaf Ears" (the Parer Committee) recommended (Rec no 16) extension of the insulation area.

SACF calls for the implementation of insulation to the north in accordance with the original proposals.

Compensation for Kurnell

The Forum formed the view that noise impacts considerably on the Kurnell community and that this merits some form of compensation. The meeting resolved to send you the resolution on this issue that was passed at the fifteenth meeting on 22 May 1998 and considered by the former Minister.

That SACF urges the Minister to increase the Sydney Airport Noise Levy.

The Legislation allows for a 10 per cent per annum increase and this has not been acted upon. This should be implemented as a minimum.

Subject to confirmation that revenues will exceed the present, SACF believes a more realistic level to be a levy of \$10.00 per international traveller and \$5.00 per domestic traveller.

Agreement to new Terms of Reference

The Members discussed the new Terms of Reference and agreed at the meeting to request an amendment to these to read

*"providing advice to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services **and aviation authorities** ...".*

The new phrase is in bold type.

I would be grateful for your early consideration of these matters.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Chairman 9 th March 1999

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