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The Hon John Anderson MP
Deputy Prime Minister
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Dear Deputy Prime Minister

I am writing to convey to you the outcomes of the twenty first meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 14 September 1999.

The focus of the meeting was the presentation by Airservices Australia on its plans for the introduction of the Precision Runway Monitor (PRM). This presentation was long awaited by the members of the Forum so as to be able to get some detailed information on Airservices plans and the likely impacts.

While the Forum was pleased to see that the concerns about the original "corkscrew" approach to runway 16R had been addressed and that this is no longer part of Airservices proposal, overall we were all very disappointed by the way in which Airservices went about its presentation. Airservices was not able to adequately inform the community about what the potential changes are for areas overflown or the number of overflights likely to take place if the proposal proceeds. The presentation was of a very general nature, the charts used did not indicate suburbs to allow people to get a frame of reference and no material was available for people to take away with them. In my view the total effect of the presentation was to actually increase suspicion about Airservices plans rather than build an understanding with the community of the proposal.

Given your assurances to the Forum that it will be fully consulted on the proposal, I believe that they should be given a better opportunity to consider all of the impacts of the options being evaluated in the development of the proposed procedures for PRM operations.

The Forum discussed at length the commitment to the LTOP by Airservices and the airlines. As I have previously raised with you, the community considers that recent events with the operation of the Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC) and the non-compliance by long haul aircraft with the departure SID off runway 34L have highlighted that there appears to be a lack of effort by the aviation industry to make LTOP work. There is a strong view that if the industry is not willing to work to meet Government policy on LTOP then steps should be taken to put in place a regulatory regime, with necessary penalties, which ensures greater levels of compliance with LTOP operational procedures while at the same time ensuring appropriate safety of operations.

The way in which Airservices is handling LTOP community relations again emphasises the need for community representatives to be added to the Airservices Board. I believe that without a strong direction from the Board to management in relation to these matters Airservices will continue to lack an appropriate understanding of the importance of community relationships. I would again ask that you consider appointing such representatives to the Board.

The Forum also again considered the issue of Kurnell and reaffirmed its call for the expansion of the noise insulation program to take in the Kurnell community.

In addition to the above I undertook to SACF to again express the Forum's disappointment that you were not able to respond prior to the recent meeting to my letters of 6 and 20 August 1999 which conveyed resolutions from the previous two meetings of the Forum. I am now in receipt of your response on these issues.

Yours sincerely

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| Signed by the Chairman 23 September 1999 |
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