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Dear Dr Nelson

Thank you for your letter of 23 September 1999 conveying the outcomes of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) meeting held on 14 September 1999.

It was disappointing that the Forum found the Airservices Australia presentation on the Precision Runway Monitor (PRM) unsatisfactory and that members felt they did not receive the type of information they were looking for. I understand that Airservices is now finalising its proposal (Notice of Intent) for submission to the Minister for Environment and Heritage. I am advised that that the proposal will contain details of Airservices' environmental assessment of the options presented at the 14 September SACF meeting. I have asked that copies of the Airservices proposal be made available to SACF.

I have noted your concerns about the level of industry cooperation with the implementation of the Long Term Operating Plan. You make specific reference to non-compliance with the departure SID off runway 34L. I am advised that the Department is currently preparing a report for the next meeting of the Forum on this issue. The Forum may then wish to consider the need for, and practicality of, measures to address this issue.

As you know, appointments to Boards are made on the basis of qualifications, skills and experience of individuals to contribute to the governance of the organisation in question. If a community representative emerged with the right attributes then I would be prepared to give that person serious consideration for appointment to the Board of Airservices Australia.

I note that the Forum has again raised the question of expanding the noise insulation program for Kurnell. As you know, there has previously been detailed examination of the noise exposure patterns for the Village, on the basis of which it was not possible to demonstrate that Kurnell is more impacted than a number of other areas around the Airport which are also not eligible for insulation.

If there are other noise criteria that SACF believes would constitute grounds for demonstrating that Kurnell is a special case, I would of course be willing to consider the matter further. Otherwise, the noise exposure of the Village will continue to be kept under review and this matter will be revisited if there are significant changes from current noise exposure levels.

I would be very happy to meet with you to discuss Sydney Airport issues. Your office may wish to contact mine to arrange a mutually convenient time for our meeting.

Yours sincerely

**Signed by the Minister**  
**1 November 1999**

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