

# SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



16<sup>th</sup> December 1999

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**The Hon John Anderson MP**  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Transport and Regional Services  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Deputy Prime Minister

I am writing to convey to you the outcomes of the twenty-third meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 3 December 1999.

You wrote to me on 20 September 1999 asking for the Forum's views of the request by the Australian Air Transport Association to increase its membership on the Forum to two representatives – one from Qantas Airways and one from Ansett Airlines. The Forum was agreeable to this provided that the companies send senior representatives to the meeting. The Forum would also wish that this arrangement be reviewed after a six month period.

At the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of SACF you will recall that the Forum passed a resolution seeking insulation for St Luke's Anglican Church in Enmore. Similar concerns have been raised about the adverse impacts of aircraft operations on the Mascot Public School. Members are of the view that these impacts warrant the school being included in the Airport's insulation program and have resolved

*SACF calls upon the Minister to expand the insulation program to take in Mascot Public School given its close, if not immediate, proximity to the border of the scheme.*

The Forum remains opposed to the introduction of the Precision Runway Monitor (PRM) for landings from the north. The meeting endorsed a submission which the Forum is sending to Minister Hill on this issue. I have attached a copy for your information.

The meeting also expressed concern about any impact the new Commonwealth environmental assessment legislation, which is due to come into effect in July next year, may have on the assessment of PRM. Accordingly it passed the following motion

*That we call the Minister for the Environment to defer making Terms of Reference [covering the environmental assessment of the PRM] until 8 July 1999 and implementation of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.*

The continuing failure to meet the LTOP targets remains a key issue for the Forum. Members are increasingly concerned at the reasons being given as to why the targets are not being met. To this end the meeting resolved

*That a project schedule on the implementation of LTOP, as ratified by SACF, be tabled by the next meeting of SACF. The schedule should include a specific report on reasons why, since LTOP's commencement on 3 August 1997, total air movements to the north has remained static at an average of 27%, 10% above the forecast.*

I look forward to your consideration of the above resolutions and views of the Forum.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Chairman 16 December 1999
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Dr Brendan Nelson MP  
Chair  
Sydney Airport Community Forum