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

Dear Minister

I am writing to convey the outcomes of the thirty-first meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on Tuesday 14 August 2001.

As you know, the Forum has been particularly concerned in about the occurrence of hours where the number of movements at the Airport exceeds 80. To clarify a number of unresolved questions about the occurrences, Mr Ernst Krolke, the Slot Manager, was invited to give a presentation to the meeting. This presentation proved particularly valuable and he was able to provide a very comprehensive overview of the operations of the Airports Slots Scheme

The Forum remains interested in this issue and will continue to monitor how the scheme is administered.

Members discussed your advice on preparing evidence for Kurnell being treated as a special case under the Airport's Noise Insulation Program. The Department has undertaken to work with the Kurnell Community representative on the Forum to try to identify noise indicators demonstrating that Kurnell merits special treatment.

As I advised in my letter reporting on the outcomes of the Thirtieth SACF meeting, Members remain frustrated that the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) targets are not being achieved. Therefore, the Forum has recommended that a study be carried out into identifying opportunities to achieve a closer approach to the targets. The meeting discussed the design of methodologies of this proposed study at some length and I am hopeful that we will be able to agree on the final terms of reference for the work at the next Forum meeting.

The meeting also discussed the sale of the Airport in the context of the non-achievement of the LTOP targets and resolved

That the Chair ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Mr Anderson, and the Minister for Finance, Mr Fahey to not sell Sydney Airport until LTOP is being achieved.

I look forward to your response to the issues raised by the Forum.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Senator Coonan 10 September 2001

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