

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



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The Hon John Anderson MP
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Dear Minister

I am writing to convey the outcomes from the 35th meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum held on 31 March 2003.

As I have previously advised, the morning session of this meeting was set aside for the discussion on the Sydney Airport Master Plan. This session went particularly well and the Members appreciated the time devoted to this issue. Members concluded that SACF should provide a submission for consideration as part of the Master Planning process. Members will meet again on Tuesday 20 May 2003 to discuss its input.

At this meeting, Members will be outlining in more detail the concerns that they may have with the master planning process and highlight what they want included in the draft master plan.

The Members have indicated that they would appreciate your views and your assurance that the objectives of the Long Term Operating Plan should be included in the Master Plan on Sydney Airport. In addition, the major concern for local communities is the growth of the Airport as they fear it will move towards a 24 hour operation. During the discussion, it was acknowledged that the provision of information to the community on the Airport and its operations should allay many concerns.

SACF members were pleased that the Prime Minister had given his assent to a Review of the LTOP. The Forum's sub committee held its first meeting on 23 April to progress the selection process for a consultant to conduct the Review.

Members indicated their dissatisfaction that Airservices had withdrawn its offer to reinstate the 1800 number for the lodgement of complaints about noise. Airservices pointed out that there were a number of issues related to occupational health and safety to consider when introducing the service. The members have requested that the service be trialled for a period of time to gauge whether the earlier abuse of the system re-occurred.

At the meeting a proposal was put forward that SACF give some consideration to the placement of a community advocate in Airservices. This person would essentially need good knowledge of the aviation industry and have the trust of the community. It was acknowledged that community advocates are located within many organisations overseas. Airservices advised that they were comfortable for someone to view its operations. This concept needs some further consideration given that the position would involve some form of remuneration. Members were keen to move forward on this issue before the next meeting.

The members were advised that the Report "*Study to implement LTOP - High and Wide Flight Paths*" had been sent to you for consideration. The members were advised that it was operationally difficult to introduce High and Wide and Trident as part of LTOP unless there was a return to parallel runway operations. However, they did endorse the Report and they would welcome your early consideration of the recommendations contained in the Report.

For your information, I indicated to Mr Hill that your Department would be able to provide the technical assistance so that the Kurnell Community can develop a submission for consideration as a special case to receive noise insulation. However, it was stressed that this assistance was contingent on Departmental work priorities.

Members have noted that the Noise Amelioration Programme was close to completion and have raised whether SACF should now give consideration to the possible expansion of the Programme considering that the airport will be entrenched in its current location for at least 20 years. Members would appreciate your views on the likely extension of the Noise Amelioration Programme and that Kurnell be considered as a special case to receive noise insulation.

After the meeting in November, I conveyed the following resolution concerning Bankstown Airport. Members have asked that I write to you again and request that you give further consideration to the issues raised in the resolution.

SACF calls on the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to confirm that the Government does not intend to sell Bankstown airport for use as an overflow airport for Kingsford Smith Airport (KSA). SACF does not endorse any proposal to divert jet and turbo propeller aircraft from KSA nor any use of Bankstown to substantially increase the number of aircraft movements over the Sydney metropolitan area.

I look forward to your early response on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Senator Payne 8 May 2003

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CHAIR