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Dear Mr Smith

Vic,

Thank you for your letters dated 7 July and 10 September 2008 about outcomes of the second and third meetings of the Sydney Airport Community Forum.

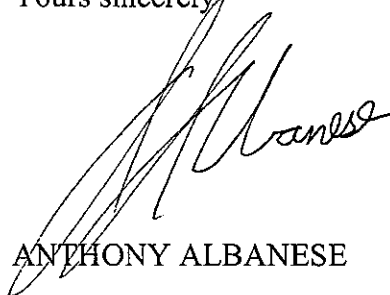
I was pleased to be able to attend the last SACF meeting on 15 August 2008 to advise members of my decision on the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) Major Development Plan (MDP). I look forward to working with SACF members during the RESA project to ensure the noise impacts on Sydney's residents are minimised.

It is important that Airservices Australia and SACF continue to work together so that all available noise sharing and mitigation options are used during the RESA project, and I note your advice that the IMC has now agreed to convene on a monthly basis.

I welcome SACF convening a special meeting in early October and the proposals for a presentation on the Airport's Draft Master Plan and the Government's 'Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement' Green Paper.

I would encourage SACF members to concentrate their efforts on those issues of great relevance to Sydney Airport, in particular the RESA and the upcoming Master Plan.

Yours sincerely,



ANTHONY ALBANESE