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Dear Mr Smith

Vic,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 November 2008 about the outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF).

I am pleased that Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) is continuing to report on the progress of the RESA project at SACF meetings and am reassured that SACF members are participating in the IMC's monitoring of Modes 9 and 15, as well as mitigation strategies, to reduce noise impacts on residents during the project.

I note that the Forum discussed the Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) for Sydney Airport and would encourage SACF to submit a comprehensive submission in response to the Airport's call for comment on its PDMP.

I note that members are concerned about the future airport needs for Sydney. Following consideration of the Master Plan, the Government proposes to initiate processes to identify additional aviation capacity for the Sydney region, consistent with the Government's policy of support for a second airport for Sydney.

Yours sincerely

ANTHONY ALBANESE