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Mr Barry Cotter
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Dear Mr Cotter

I refer to the letter dated 8 December 2008 from the previous Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) Chair conveying the outcomes of the sixth meeting of SACF.

I am pleased that SACF has lodged a comprehensive submission on Sydney Airport's Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) to Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL). I will be looking closely to ensure SACL has paid due regard to comments made by the community.

I note that Airservices Australia is producing extra reports on Mode operation during the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) construction. I trust that SACL will continue to keep SACF informed of its progress on the RESA project and am pleased it continues to submit status reports to SACF within the timeframes outlined in my Conditions of Ministerial Approval.

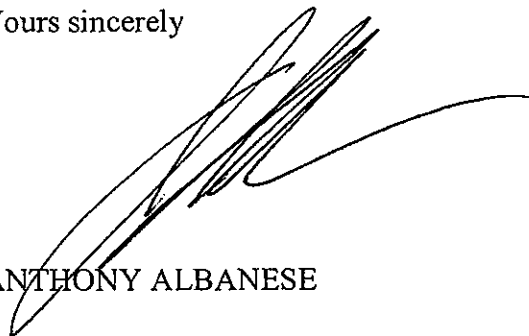
I also note Airservices Australia provided a presentation on its WebTrak initiative. I was pleased to announce WebTrak's release on 11 December 2008. I believe this will be a valuable tool for residents, providing them with greater transparency about aircraft movements in the vicinity of their homes.

Finally, I recognise that SACF needs adequate time to develop a co-ordinated response to the Government's 'Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement' Green Paper. While I am happy for SACF to provide its submission by the end of

March 2009 I encourage members to focus their attention on those issues of most relevance to Sydney Airport.

I look forward to your future reports on SACF meetings under your stewardship and on ways in which we can better address the environmental impacts of aircraft operations at the Airport.

Yours sincerely

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ANTHONY ALBANESE