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Dear Mr Cotter

*Barry,*

Thank you for your letter dated 15 December 2009 about outcomes of the meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 27 November 2009.

I note SACF's concerns about developments in new technologies and the potential impact these may have on the loss of noise sharing due to concentration of flight paths. It is reassuring that Airservices Australia is continuing to monitor and examine the questions surrounding the increased usage and concentration of flight paths over the Cook and Lowe areas.

I am also reassured that the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC) is investigating the convergence of flight paths over the Richmond area.

I look forward to being advised, in due course, of potential strategies for using new technology in ways that assist noise sharing.

Yours sincerely

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