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Dear Mr Cotter *Barry,*

Thank you for your letter dated 30 April 2009 conveying the outcomes of the meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 20 March 2009.

I understand SACF has now provided its submission on the Australian Government's Aviation Green Paper to the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government. I look forward to working through the views that have been put forward by the Forum and can assure you these will be given careful consideration as we develop the policy positions to be laid out in the Aviation White Paper.

I note the Forum discussed the six monthly review of the Aviation Community Advocate (ACA) position and am interested in receiving advice on the outcomes of further discussions amongst members on the role of the ACA following the next meeting of SACF.

It is pleasing to see we are now very close to the end of the first phase of the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) project and trust the return to the availability of noise sharing during the sensitive early morning and evening periods will provide residents with relief from the increased numbers of overflights they have experienced during the last six months.

Yours sincerely

ANTHONY ALBANESE