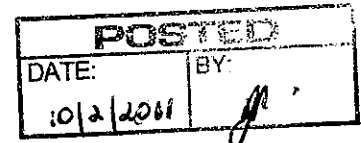




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Dear Mr Cotter

Barry,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 December 2010 conveying the outcomes of the meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 19 November 2010. I apologise for the delay in replying.

Airservices Australia has provided me with detailed advice about aircraft noise over the Sutherland Shire, which I have passed on to Mr Scott Morrison MP.

I welcome any initiatives which may identify new ways to contribute to more equitable noise sharing arrangements, and I support Airservices consideration of the relative use of Modes 9 and 10.

I have a strong commitment to maintaining the movement cap at Sydney Airport and I look forward to Airservices and the Department of Infrastructure and Transport providing me with advice on ways to avoid future breaches of the cap.

When I appointed the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman I envisaged that his role would strongly complement the contribution that SACF is making in tackling the issues associated with the impacts of aircraft noise in the Sydney region. I welcome his participation at a SACF meeting.

Thank you for your efforts in facilitating community engagement on aircraft noise issues through SACF.

Yours sincerely

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ANTHONY ALBANESE