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Dear Deputy Prime Minister

The Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) met on 23 May 2014 and discussed a broad range of issues relating to Sydney Airport.

The Sydney Airport representative provided a comprehensive briefing on the consultation process for the development of the Sydney Airport Master Plan 2033, and a preliminary briefing on the first stage of the Ground Transport Plan.

Airservices Australia provided a report which examined a number of issues including the capacity, in aircraft movements per hour, of a range of noise-sharing modes of operations, and the factors that influence this. The Forum agreed to consider this issue further at the next meeting. Airservices also reported on the noise profiles of a range of aircraft, and on changes in the composition of the aircraft fleet over time.

A community representative raised a question about the permanent introduction of the Ground Based Augmentation System (GBAS) without consultation with SACF. Airservices advised that this is a supplementary landing system which has no effect on flight paths, and that GBAS will improve safety and is being introduced permanently after extensive trials.

A community representative expressed concern that the rebalancing of operations on the parallel runways anticipated in the Master Plan may expose residents in Kurnell to more aircraft noise.

The Forum considered a proposal for a review of its membership and terms of reference, and members agreed to provide submissions on these matters by 30 June 2014. I will collate the views of members and prepare a brief for your consideration, and make arrangements with your office for a suitable time to discuss a way forward in due course.

In response to a request from a member's representative I have written to the authors of the National Acoustics Laboratory's 1982 study, which forms the basis for the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF), regarding the continuing relevance of the ANEF.

In addition, a letter written on behalf of a number of SACF members seeking your support for the reinstatement of the Aviation Community Advocate was tabled. The Department also provided an update on the Government's decision to proceed with the development of the second Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek.

Thank you again for the opportunity to Chair SACF and I look forward to providing further advice about the deliberations of the Forum

Yours sincerely

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Chair

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