

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



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The Hon Mark Vaile MP
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Transport and Regional Services
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

I am writing to convey the outcomes of the 47th meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 1 September 2006. It is my pleasure to write to you on behalf of the Forum to ensure you as Minister for Transport and Regional Services are advised of SACF's meetings and activities.

The primary issue for SACF at present is the progress of the Task Force 3 (TF3) recommendations. Members wished to emphasise that the proposed TF3 recommendations are not intended as a substitute or move away from the full implementation of Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP), rather that they represent an interim approach that may provide some benefit to the community until such time as the technology to implement the "High and Wide" and "Trident" flight paths is available. SACF has not, at this stage, provided any endorsement of TF3.

Members requested additional comparative data on the TF3 recommendations that would enable them to determine potential benefits or detriments compared to existing flight paths prior to SACF making a decision to progress to consultation with the wider community.

Some members expressed continuing concern that the LTOP targets are not being met.

SACF has also been discussing issues concerning the recommendations arising from a Supplementary Report of the LTOP Review. Airservices Australia provided members with a response to the recommendations and an indicative timeframe for implementation.

Earlier this year the former Minister for Transport and Regional Services, the Hon Warren Truss MP, agreed to fund the appointment of an Aviation Community Advocate (ACA). The scope of the ACA will be limited to issues directly related to Sydney Airport and will independently represent and pursue the interests and views of the community in the context of the conduct and planning of aviation operations at Sydney Airport in so far as they affect noise, flight paths and the Airport's Long Term Operating Plan.

In particular, the ACA will provide expert advice to the community on aviation matters; monitor, review and analyse current and planned aviation operations and their impacts on the community; and work closely with aviation authorities, as directed by SACF, to develop initiatives to avoid or mitigate aircraft noise and other impacts.

I am pleased to report that the Aviation Community Advocate position was advertised on AusTender and in the Sydney Morning Herald on 7 and 9 September respectively with the tender process closing on 9 October 2006.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marise Payne', with a stylized, cursive script.

MARISE PAYNE
CHAIR