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Dear Senator ^{Marise} Payne

Thank you for your letter dated 17 October 2006 concerning the outcomes of the 47th meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF). I appreciate the opportunity to be kept informed of the activities of SACF after each meeting.

I note SACF's progress with the Task Force recommendations on possible alternative flight paths and look forward to receiving advice from SACF on whether the recommendations will be beneficial to the wider Sydney community. I also note SACF members' continuing concerns about progress toward the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) noise sharing targets.

It is important that the Implementation and Monitoring Committee, in line with community and industry expectations, continue to examine any alternatives to 'high and wide' and 'trident' flight paths that can bring the noise amelioration benefits that those concepts were intended to deliver.

I look forward to further reports from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Vaile'.

MARK VAILE