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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 50th meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum held on 8 June 2007.

Airservices Australia announced the appointment of Barney Pinney as new Technical Adviser for Task Force 3. Forum members welcome Mr Pinney who replaced Jim Ludlow in the role after Mr Ludlow's recent move to Canada.

Forum members expressed an interest in monitoring the ongoing implementation plan to address the recommendations made by the Australian National Audit Office on its recent audit of the Sydney Airport slots management scheme.

The Forum also passed a motion requesting the introduction of ICAO-A equivalent Noise Abatement Departure Procedures at Sydney Airport. A copy of this motion is attached (Attachment A).

At the last meeting, Forum members expressed a great deal of interest in finalising the appointment of the Aviation Community Advocate. As Chair, I committed to progressing the procurement process for the Advocate position. I thank you for your timely appointment of Mr Tony Williams to the Advocate position.

Yours sincerely

MARISE PAYNE
CHAIR

MOTION (S) FOR INTRODUCTION OF ICAO-A EQUIVALENT NADPS[#1] AT KSA

That SACF remind the Department and the Minister that by its Resolution at Meeting No. 12 on 28 Nov. 1997 it requested Airservices Australia to immediately commence all necessary procedures required to implement ICAO-"A" departure procedure for all jets operating at Sydney Airport and to enable such procedures to become effective without delay.

That SACF request the Department and the Minister to follow-up the Ministerial Press Release dated 28/8/1998 [Mark Vaile ref. T159/98] , promising that from thenceforth ICAO-"A" Noise Abatement Departure Protocols would be employed for all jet takeoffs over the residents of Sydney , with a Ministerial Direction pursuant to S. 16 of the Airservices Act provided for the purposes of Subsections 8(1)(d) and 9(2) of the Act.

That the version of ICAO-A specified in the Direction should not be less efficient in achieving noise reductions on the ground at distances from the airport than ICAO-A was in the form existing , and approved by ICAO in Document PANS-OPS 8168 Part V - Chapter 3 dated 11/5/1998 .

That Airservices Australia be reminded of its obligations under Instrument No. M37/99 dated 3 May 1999 paragraph (v) , requiring it to "Develop and implement effective aircraft noise abatement procedures and monitor and report to the Secretary on compliance with those procedures at Australian Airports", and the LTOP Proponent Statement S. 3.2.4 Dot-point 6 (page 3-22) which refers to "examination of enhanced noise abatement departure procedures".

Note: The term 'ICAO-A' has been rescinded by the International Civil Aviation Organization. This terminology is now encompassed by the NADP 1 family of procedures and should be referred to in this motion as 'the procedure formerly called ICAO A' until further clarification is available.