

# Request for Expressions of Interest

## Appointment of community representatives to the Sydney Airport Community Forum

The Chair of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF), Ms Ash Ambihapahar MP, is seeking expressions of interest from community members who reside in close proximity to Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport to join SACF as a community representative for a 2-year period, commencing on appointment. SACF has 4 community representative positions open to represent areas to the North, South, East and West of Sydney Airport.

### About SACF

The Australian Government acknowledges the challenges associated with balancing the impacts of noise on communities near airports with a strong aviation industry that can meet demand for movement of passengers, tourists, workers, and freight. The Government supports the ongoing operation of SACF in recognition of community concerns about aircraft noise impacts and to ensure appropriate community consultation about the ongoing operations of Sydney Airport.

The role of SACF is to act as a forum for:

1. Providing advice to the Minister responsible for the Airports Act 1996 (currently the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) and aviation authorities on the abatement of aircraft noise and related environmental issues at Sydney Airport - in particular it is the main body for consultation on the Long Term Operating Plan for the Airport.
2. To serve as the primary community advisory body to aviation authorities regarding Sydney Airport, providing structured input through the Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC). The forum will act as the principal consultative mechanism prior to broader community engagement, ensuring key issues are identified, tested and refined before wider public consultation.

Matters outside the scope of SACF include:

- Western Sydney International Airport (information on the Western Sydney International Airport and the Forum for Western Sydney Airport can be found on the Western Sydney Airport website), or any other aviation activity in the Sydney basin that does not originate from or land at Sydney Airport
- Individual noise complaints
- Noise complaints and disputes that have already been considered by Airservices Australia and/or the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman.

SACF has an advisory role and does not have authority to direct the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (the Department), the operator of Sydney Airport, or Airservices Australia to undertake specific actions, or to compel production of documents.

Further information is available on the SACF website at <https://sacf.infrastructure.gov.au>

## SACF Membership

Ms Ash Ambhaipahar MP, Federal Member for Barton, is the current Chair of SACF, following her appointment by the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

The Forum has a broad representation of communities affected by airport operations, their elected representatives, and peak bodies representing aviation users of Sydney Airport. The Chair appoints community representatives to fill vacancies and consults with the Minister when doing so.

The SACF membership includes representatives from the Community, State and Federal Parliaments, Local Councils, and the aviation industry.

The Department provides Secretariat support services to the SACF Chair.

## The community representatives' role

The Chair is seeking 4 volunteers to fill community member positions in Sydney's North, South, East and West to represent the communities of Sydney. The term for this position will be 2 years, commencing on appointment with a reappointment process to be carried out after this term expires. Community members cannot serve more than 2 terms.

Community representatives do not receive remuneration.

SACF will generally meet 4 times a year. Community representatives will be expected to:

- Attend meetings and participate in discussions
- Regularly consult within the community to obtain a representative cross-section of interests and views on matters relevant to SACF
- Present the interests and views of the community they represent
- Be contactable by members of the community they represent
- Share information gained at SACF meetings with their community
- Restrict issues and debates to productive issues that are within the responsibilities of SACF, and
- Respectfully accommodate a broad range of perspectives relating to the responsibilities of SACF.

## What to include in your Expression of Interest (EOI)

All SACF Community Representatives must be able to engage with and represent a broad cross-section of Sydney's residents who are affected by the operations of Sydney Airport. Applicants for this position should be able to demonstrate they are active in their communities and may already represent their community in other organisations such as ratepayer organisations, neighbourhood resident groups, or clubs.

Your EOI should be around one page, and include the following information:

- Your name, email and phone contact details
- Confirmation that your primary residential address is in close proximity to Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (photo of Drivers Licence, utility bill or equivalent)
- Why you are interested in joining SACF
- Please indicate which area of Sydney you would like to represent (e.g., North, South, East, or West)
- Any current or recent experience in community representation roles. If you represent a group this would include information about the group's aims, membership numbers and reach, your role, and any direct interest in or link to the responsibilities of SACF.
- What actions you would take to gather input from and share information with the broader community
- Your thoughts on how you can engage effectively and constructively with your community and the other SACF members to accommodate differing perspectives and opinions, including representing and respecting views that may not align with your own
- While not a requirement to nominate, you may wish to outline any relevant skills or experience in areas such as:
  - Aviation
  - Aircraft noise
  - State or local government planning
  - Environmental health
  - Dispute resolution
  - Public policy
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Public consultation
  - Scientific and/or data analysis
- Any other information you consider relevant to the Chair's consideration of your EOI.

The Chair must be satisfied with applicants' ability to effectively represent broad community interests and to contribute constructively to discussions.

Terms and conditions of appointment

This is a voluntary and unpaid role.

## How to apply

Interested candidates should submit a short EOI of no more than one page with the information requested in the '*What to include in your Expression of Interest*' section of this notice, by email to the SACF Secretariat at: [SACF@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:SACF@infrastructure.gov.au) by 11:59PM AEST on Sunday 12 April 2026

If you have questions about the EOI process, please contact the SACF Secretariat via [SACF@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:SACF@infrastructure.gov.au).

## Accessibility

Please advise the SACF Secretariat at [SACF@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:SACF@infrastructure.gov.au) if you require reasonable adjustments throughout the EOI process.

## Selection process

The EOI will run for a total of 4 weeks from Wednesday 18 March 2026 closing at 11:59PM Sunday 12 April 2026.

Following closure of the application period, the Chair will run the following selection process:

1. The Chair will review the EOIs against the eligibility criteria. Any EOIs that do not meet the eligibility criteria are excluded from further consideration.
2. The Chair will assess the eligible EOIs against the '*What to include in your Expression of Interest*' section of this notice.
3. The Chair may request further information from nominees in relation to their EOI.
4. The Chair or their delegates may conduct interviews and/or seek reference checks.
5. Rate the suitability of each applicant having regard to the balance and diversity of SACF membership. Factors may include (but are not limited to) gender, geographical representation, experience, and skills.
6. Consult with the Minister on the proposed appointees. The Chair must consider the Minister's views in appointing Community Representatives.
7. Appoint the Community Representatives.
8. Following the Chair's decision, all candidates will be notified of the outcome by the SACF Secretariat via email.

The decision of the Chair on SACF membership will be final and there will be no avenue for review.

## Feedback and complaints

Any feedback or complaints about the EOI process should be directed to [SACF@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:SACF@infrastructure.gov.au) in the first instance.