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Dear Dr Nelson

Thank you for your letter of 16 December 1999 conveying the outcomes of the meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum which was held on 3 December 1999.

Following receipt of the Forum's views on the Australian Air Transport Association (AATA) representation on the Forum, I wrote to the Chairman of the AATA inviting the Association to increase its membership. I have enclosed a copy of my letter to Captain Rindfleish for your information.

I have noted the Forum's further request for including Mascot Public School in the Sydney Airport Noise Insulation Project. I can only reiterate my earlier advice on the inclusion of buildings which are just outside the eligibility area. Clearly there are many public buildings in this situation - in earlier correspondence you have made representations about St Luke's Church in Enmore - and it would be inequitable to just single out one institution. As you will appreciate, wherever the 'line' is drawn there will always be buildings which lie just outside it.

The Forum's concerns about the use of the Precision Runway Monitor (PRM) from the north at the Airport are acknowledged. As you know the Minister for the Environment has recently announced that a Public Inquiry will be held into the proposal under the provisions of the *Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act 1974*. I would expect Forum members to fully avail themselves of this opportunity to have public concerns about PRM carefully scrutinised.

I recognise members' concerns about the progress being made toward the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) noise sharing targets. I am advised that almost all the major elements of the 1997 LTOP Ministerial Direction which are relevant to runway end noise sharing targets have now been implemented. I understand that Mode 8 began to be used in December. At this time of the year the prevailing wind conditions limit its use. However, I look forward to seeing this Mode making a contribution to noise sharing later in the year.

Yours sincerely

Signed by the Minister
24 January 2000

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