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Dear Senator Payne

Thank you for your letter of 3 August 2004 concerning the outcomes from the June meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF).

I note the progress on the Forum's LTOP Review and the summary of Airplan's presentation at the June meeting. I understand the review is close to completion. I also note progress on the Aviation Community Advocate position. I understand that the September meeting will canvass members' views on continuing with the position at the end of the trial period.

In relation to the protection of airspace around Sydney Airport, I am advised that in accordance with action requested at previous Forum meetings, my Department and the Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd met on 20 September 2004. I understand the meeting was productive and developed a number of options in relation to the issues, some of which my Department are now exploring in particular with Airservices Australia.

With regard to rezoning issues at Kurnell, as you would appreciate, land surrounding the 22 leased federal airports are not subject to Commonwealth jurisdiction. Rezoning decisions are matters for State and local Government authorities. Raising the Forum's concerns with council representatives at the next meeting or at other opportunities, as you suggest, would therefore be the most appropriate practical action in the short term.

Thank you for advising me of the outcomes of the last SACF meeting.

Yours sincerely

Signed by John Anderson 26 August 2004

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