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Senator for New South Wales  
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Dear Senator Payne

Thank you for your letter of 26 May 2005 concerning outcomes from the 41st meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF).

I note that the Forum had the opportunity to discuss the Report on the Review of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) at an extra meeting on 29 April 2005. I understand that the Community Representatives consider that the Report does not meet their expectations, and that the Forum's Subcommittee on the Review of the LTOP is developing a schedule of further work for consideration by the Consultant. I expect that this further work should address Members' expectations.

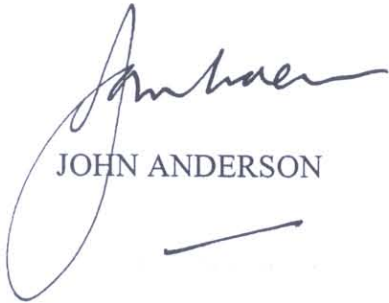
I understand Members were concerned that the Forum was unable to provide a submission on the Sydney Airport Draft Environmental Strategy during the public consultation period. Unfortunately, this was because the release of the Strategy in July occurred just prior to the announcement of the October election. However, you may wish to note that during the public comment phase SACF Members were able to provide individual comments to the Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd (SACL).

In relation to airspace protection, my Department has been conducting a scoping study of high-rise development around the airport and consulting with relevant State Departments and Councils, concerning their policies on building height restrictions with a view to possibly amending the regulatory regime. The Department will provide the Forum with regular updates on the development of this project.

I have noted the community representatives' views about the composition of the Forum however I believe that the current membership is suitable and that it meets SACF's objectives. Thus, I am not proposing to modify the current membership structure.

Thank you for writing to me on these issues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Anderson", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name "JOHN ANDERSON".

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