

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional
Development and Local Government
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am writing to convey the outcomes of the second meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on Friday 30 May 2008. In doing so I would like to thank you for your prompt response in granting the Aviation Community Advocate (ACA), Tony Williams access to the independent civil engineering advice provided to the Department.

SACF discussed its submission on the draft Runway End Safety Area (RESA) Major Development Plan (MDP). In particular the forum expressed the view that it would like to see SACL take all appropriate action to allow for maximum periods of use of the east-west runway, especially in order to provide respite on weekends. Members also indicated expectations that Airservices and SACL will work cooperatively to investigate and implement all available noise sharing options during the RESA project.

Following protracted discussion on the report of the ACA review subcommittee, SACF members resolved through a majority vote that the following two subcommittee recommendations, including the addendum, be forwarded to you for consideration:

- *the subcommittee concluded that the performance of Tony Williams as the Advocate was generally satisfactory when evaluated against the work program and KPIs. Contractual compliance and dedication were recognised, however, concerns were raised that value for money had not so far been satisfied as no single task was yet to be completed; and*
- *there is significant community support for the Aviation Community Advocate position and this is reinforced by some aviation industry representatives. However, concerns were expressed about the extent of the results which could be realistically achieved by the Advocate and the dual role of technical analyst and community support.*

Addendum:

SACF believes that the Advocate position is a success and that Tony Williams is performing well in the position and should continue.

In response to your request to Airservices, SACF understands the IMC will now meet more frequently during the RESA project. It will now convene on a monthly basis with the next meeting scheduled for 22 July 2008. SACF representatives will actively engage with the IMC.

SACF supported the formation of a subcommittee to further develop the details of the proposed Aircraft Noise Affected Residents Compensation Scheme (ANARCS) proposal. The ANARCS proposal has been developed by Kevin Hill, one of the community representatives on the forum, as a potential avenue for providing insulation compensation to homeowners not covered by the now completed Sydney Airport Noise Insulation Program. Members and nominees who offered to be on the subcommittee were Kevin Hill, Maria Patrinos, Peter Fitzgerald, John Clarke, and Scott Morrison MP.

Finally, at the request of SACF, Airservices has agreed to investigate recent overflights of Bundeena; to report to IMC, and to provide advice on locating a temporary noise monitoring unit at Bundeena.

I look forward to your views in response to these matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vic Smith', written in a cursive style.

VIC SMITH
CHAIR