

# SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM



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**The Hon John Anderson MP**  
Minister for Transport  
and Regional Services  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

The Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) met this morning to discuss, and express its frustration and anger at, the Government's failure to reach a decision on the construction of Badgerys Creek Airport.

As you know Forum members have long held a strong belief that it is vital that the construction of Badgerys Creek Airport proceed at the earliest possible time in order to relieve pressure on Sydney Airport. Members believe that failure to construct the Airport would be yet another broken promise by the current Government.

The views of the Forum on the need for the new Airport, and the likely reaction if the Government does not meet its commitments on this issue, are expressed in the following resolution which was passed unanimously by the meeting

- 1. That the Government release the residents of Sydney from the unrelenting burden of aircraft noise by honouring its commitment to build Badgerys Creek as a full international airport.*
- 2. Calls upon the Government to reject any move to upgrade Bankstown Airport as this represents a serious safety threat to the residents and passengers using Bankstown and KSA due to their unacceptable proximity.*
- 3. That all proposals be abandoned which threaten the Long Term Operating Plan as the concept of sharing the noise must be preserved.*
- 4. That in the interests of preserving fairness and equality for the people from both the urban and rural areas, regional airlines must continue to use KSA.*
- 5. Failure to do the above is likely to result in the enraged community of Sydney suffering aircraft noise demonstrating to close KSA up to and including the Olympic Games.*

Further to the above, the Forum is strongly of the view that representatives of those communities which are currently impacted badly by noise from Sydney Airport, and which are very likely to be further impacted in the future, have not been given an adequate opportunity to express their views.

The Forum therefore also passed the following two resolutions which are directed at ensuring that the voice of the community is heard

*Noting the presence of the Sydney Airports Corporations Ltd and Airservices representatives to brief the Cabinet on Sydney Airport issues; SACF deplores Cabinet not being prepared to have SACF views put to it. SACF demands Cabinet invites the Chairman of SACF to present its informed views to Cabinet.*

*That the Prime Minister agree to meet a delegation of SACF members to enable them to put their views in support of Government policy on Badgerys Creek.*

I trust that you will give these resolutions your urgent attention.

Yours sincerely

Signed by the Chairman  
20<sup>th</sup> August 1999

Dr Brendan Nelson  
Chairman