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Dear Mr Fitzgerald

Thank you for your letter dated 17 June 2013 reporting on the outcomes of the 24 May 2013 meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF).

I note the Forum received a briefing from my Department on the findings of the scoping study into Wilton and RAAF Base Richmond and an initial briefing from Sydney Airport Corporation Limited on the Sydney Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) for 2013-2033. I am pleased to see SACF continuing to be involved in these important developments.

I note also the request for funding for a suitably qualified expert to assist in preparing SACF's response to the Sydney Airport PDMP.

As you would be aware, the Government recently delivered the 2013-14 Budget which funds a number of high priority investments despite lower than expected Government revenues. In these circumstances it is not possible to allocate funding for additional expertise to assist with the SACF submission.

The Government continues to provide support through my Department to SACF above that provided to other airports' Community Aviation Consultation Groups. Similar support is provided to the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) Implementation and Monitoring Committee through Airservices Australia. I encourage the Forum to draw on the expertise of my Department and Airservices Australia to assist in the preparation of a response to the PDMP.

In preparing a response I encourage SACF to draw out community views from all members on any areas of interest or concern in the PDMP and work together with my Department, Airservices and the Implementation and Monitoring Committee to address any technical issues associated with the PDMP.

Finally, I can reassure the Forum that I remain committed to maintaining the legislated curfew, the movement cap and the noise sharing arrangements of LTOP at Sydney Airport.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Albanese', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

ANTHONY ALBANESE