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Dear Mr Fitzgerald

Thank you for your letter dated 26 March 2012 about the outcomes of the meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) held on 24 February 2012.

I am pleased that the Sydney Airport Corporation Limited is consulting closely with SACF on its future plans for developing the Airport. I am also pleased that the report of the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman, Mr Ron Brent, makes recommendations to ensure that information on aircraft noise is more helpful and easily understood.

I note the Forum's interest in the *Joint Study on the Aviation Capacity for the Sydney Region*. This in-depth, independent study is the most comprehensive examination ever undertaken of the future aviation and infrastructure needs of the Sydney region. The study makes it clear that Sydney's aviation infrastructure cannot cope with future demand. I have asked the Department to provide a detailed briefing on this study to the Forum at its next meeting on 4 May 2012.

Yours sincerely

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