

2 May 2014

Mr John Alexander
Chair
Sydney Airport Community Forum
c/o Department of Infrastructure and Transport (Aviation Environment
Branch)
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Dear Mr Alexander

## Re: Sydney Airport Master Plan 2033

I am pleased to let you know that the Australian Government has approved Sydney Airport's Master Plan 2033.

The new Master Plan – which received strong support from many stakeholders during the consultation period – reflects extensive discussions and feedback from our passengers, airline partners, the aviation industry governments, tourism stakeholders, the business sector and the local community.

Its initiatives will deliver a superior airport experience for our airline passengers, significantly improve ground transport access, improve efficiency, enhance safety and maximise capacity.

Sydney Airport is already one of Australia's most important pieces of infrastructure and is a vital economic engine for Sydney, NSW and Australia. Implementing the new Master Plan will see the economic activity and jobs generated or facilitated by the airport grow to over \$42 billion and 400,000 respectively over the next 20 years.

As we currently use less than two thirds of our available capacity (which has been the case for the past decade), there is ample capacity to accommodate growth in the number of airline passengers, forecast to rise from 38 million in 2013 to more than 74 million in 2033.

A copy is enclosed for your information and can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.sydneyairport.com.au/corporate/master-plan.aspx">http://www.sydneyairport.com.au/corporate/master-plan.aspx</a>.

## **Ground Transport Solutions**

The transformational ground transport solutions to the internal road network in both the T1 and T2/T3 precincts proposed in the new Master Plan are the culmination of significant stakeholder consultation with airlines, the community, industry bodies as well as Transport for NSW and NSW Roads and Maritime Services.

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With the supporting off-airport roadworks and expanded public transport services planned by the NSW Government, these solutions will increase the capacity of major intersections, improve traffic flow and reduce traffic congestion. They will benefit all who travel to Sydney Airport, whether they choose to do so by car, taxi, public transport, bicycle or even as pedestrians.

Our priority now is to begin implementing these ground transport solutions. Sydney Airport will be writing to you about this issue in more detail shortly.

## Sydney Airport Environment Strategy

The Master Plan includes more than 100 new or ongoing actions and initiatives that, together, will minimise the airport's impact on the environment and support our objective of sustainable growth. With aircraft becoming environmentally cleaner, quieter and more fuel efficient, it is pleasing to see evidence that both the noise impact and air emissions from individual flights are reducing.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of our key stakeholders and the broader community to implement our plans and deliver a superior passenger experience.

If you would like any further information about the Master Plan, please feel free to contact Sydney Airport's Head of Government and Community Relations, Mr Ted Plummer, on (02) 9667 6182.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer