



Sydney Airport Community Forum

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Dear Ms Craik

The Australian Government has established the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) as part of its commitment to addressing the noise impacts from Sydney Airport in consultation with affected residents. SACF is the main body for consultation on the Sydney Airport Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP), a program which was introduced to address Sydney Airport's noise problems through redistributing aircraft flight paths and associated noise. It was drawn up through a major consultative process during 1996 and 1997. The Forum includes representatives from the Community, Local Councils, Industry, and State and Federal Parliaments.

SACF has resolved to make a submission in response to the draft Productivity Commission Report into Economic Regulation of Airport Services. The Forum's comments relate specifically to the Commission's observations about aircraft noise in section 13.4 and considerations about public transport access to Sydney Airport.

SACF strongly supports maintenance of the curfew, the 80 movements per hour runway cap and LTOP at Sydney Airport.

The *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995* and the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997* have been enacted by the Parliament and supported by successive governments as being appropriate to managing Sydney Airport's particular circumstances. Sydney is Australia's busiest airport and is surrounded by relatively densely populated residential areas. SACF supports operational improvements to minimise aircraft noise impacts, some of which the Commission has highlighted, but sees these as complementary measures, not measures that would justify removing or changing the curfew or cap.

In relation to the provisions of the Curfew Act and the *Sydney Airport Curfew Regulations 1995* under which 24 curfew shoulder movements per week are allowed between 5am and 6am, there is no anomaly between the Act and the Regulations. Rather, the Act stipulates a maximum number of 35 movements per week or a smaller number as provided for by Regulation. The Regulations provide for a maximum of 24 movements per week, as envisaged under the Act.

In relation to public transport, the Commission has rightly identified the congestion problems that can occur, not only on roads servicing the airport, but also on major roads in neighbouring communities, due to a lack of public transport options. SACF supports action to improve public transport access to Sydney Airport for residents, airport workers and visitors to Sydney.

SACF sees absolutely no room to manoeuvre on the curfew and the movement cap at Sydney Airport. I would like to attend a hearing of the Commission to explain the views of SACF on these matters.

Yours faithfully

Peter Fitzgerald
Chair

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