

## SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

70 PHILLIP STREET SYDNEY  
22 APRIL 1997

### SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting attendees are listed at Attachment A.

#### ITEM 1

##### OPENING REMARKS

The meeting opened at 9.10am. The Chairman, Mr Joe Hockey MP, welcomed members and noted apologies from:

- Mr A Albanese MP, represented by Cr Kris Cruden
- Mrs K Chikarovski MLA, represented by Ms Marie McGoldrick
- Ms D Grusovin MLA, represented by Ms Laurel Wolfram
- Ms S Nori MLA, represented by Ms Ros Habig
- Cr P Olah
- Mr D Saul, represented by Mr Jim Socratous
- Cr K Schreiber, represented by Cr Lorraine Rodden
- Mr P Zammit MP

#### ITEM 2

##### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Members adopted the provisional agenda and agreed to proceed in the order listed. The meeting agreed to include the following items for discussion under Item 10 "Other Business":

- 10A - Establishment of a SACF sub-committee on operational procedures at KSA
- 10B- Fuel release by aircraft
- 10C- Noise insulation program
- 10D- Safety implications of increased usage of east-west runway

At the request of the Chairman, Mr Merner (DoTRD), provided a report on the decision of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) to allow operations by an airship over Sydney.

### **ITEM 3**

#### **CONFIRMATION OF SUMMARY RECORD OF SEVENTH MEETING AND ACTIONS ARISING**

The Draft Summary Record of the Seventh SACF meeting held at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, Phillip Street, Sydney, on Tuesday 11 March 1997, was accepted without amendment. Correspondence and actions arising from the meeting were noted.

### **ITEM 4**

#### **MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

##### East-West Runway Operations

Mr Warner (Airservices Australia) spoke on measures to achieve increased usage of the east-west runway. He said revised selection criteria for usage of the east-west runway which came into effect on 28th March had resulted in an increase in the usage of the runway. Over the period from 28th March to 16th April, usage was 44.35 hours; under previous arrangements the figure would have been 36.52 hours ie availability had increased by 21%.

Ms Patrinos (representing Canterbury Residents Against Aircraft Noise-CRAAN) said CRAAN could not endorse increasing the usage of the east-west runway.

Several members of the Forum suggested that the east-west runway was still not being used as much as it could be. Inconsistent responses to lighting system failures and the emergency surrounding an accident on an aircraft carrier, both of which led to north-south operations, were cited as evidence of alleged Airservices' reluctance to use the east-west runway.

**It was agreed that the Forum would monitor changes in east-west runway usage over the next month.**

### **ITEM 5**

#### **REPORT ON ADDRESS TO TOURISM COUNCIL AUSTRALIA (TCA)**

Mr David Lidbetter briefly spoke about his speech to the Tourism Council Australia on 8 April 1997. While he did not accept TCA's position on KSA, he said he was pleased to note that it has accepted the need for a second Sydney airport.

In response to a question from Ms Wolfram, Mr Merner (DoTRD) stated that the sale of CSIRO land at Badgery's creek did not mean that Holsworthy had been selected as the site for the second Sydney airport. He said the sale of

the land did not impact on the runway configuration options released by the Government and thus did not prejudice the site selection.

## **ITEM 6**

### **LONG TERM OPERATING PLAN FOR SYDNEY AIRPORT**

The Forum was informed that the Department of Transport and Regional Development is in the process of examining over 6,000 submissions on the Long Term Operating Plan and that the analysis had proven to be a time-consuming task because of the very wide range of issues involved.

The Forum was also told that the Department planned to provide the analysis to the Minister by early May and that subsequent timing of decisions would be a matter for the Minister in consultation with the Minister for the Environment.

**The Chairman agreed to write to the Minister to request an indicative timetable on the progress of the Long Term Operating Plan.**

The Chairman advised the Forum that the Minister has undertaken to consider the issue of compensation for businesses in Sydenham along with the consideration of all other issues flowing from the implementation of the Long Term Operating Plan.

The Chairman also said that the Minister intended to visit fibro and weatherboard homes as well as businesses in the Sydenham area.

## **ITEM 7**

### **PROPOSED SLOT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR KINGSFORD SMITH AIRPORT**

Mr Peter Harris (DoTRD) briefed the Forum on the proposed introduction of a slot management system at KSA. He provided a detailed explanation of the proposals released by the Minister.

Mr Harris stated that the Department is consulting interested parties and would welcome receiving the views of SACF members.

A number of questions were raised about how the slot system would operate and be enforced. In particular concerns were raised that the membership of the compliance committee appeared to give too much power or discretion to the aviation industry and/ or authorities.

There was extended debate on the relationship between the slot system and the Airport's Long Term Operating Plan. Concerns were expressed ( including by Mr Socratous) that if the slot system permits 80 movements in every non-curfew hour, the Airport could be operating on parallel runways for very extended periods. A view was subsequently put by several members that a

cap of less than 80 movements per hour should be imposed in off-peak periods to ensure that non-parallel runway modes remain available.

## **ITEM 8 MONITORING REPORTS**

The monitoring reports distributed to members were noted by the Forum.

General concerns were raised about the accuracy of the complaint statistics in the monthly report from Airservices Australia's Noise Enquiry Unit (NEU).

There were also calls for providing a Freecall line to the NEU and for publicity about the Noise Enquiry Unit's new telephone number.

**The Chairman agreed to write to Airservices Australia to request a trial of a 1800 (freecall) number for the Noise Enquiry Unit and to raise the other issues.**

## **ITEM 9 SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE**

The schedule of correspondence received was noted by the Forum.

## **ITEM 10 OTHER BUSINESS**

### 10A- Establishment of a sub-committee by SACF to monitor operational procedures at KSA

Cr Martin (Mayor of Randwick) tabled a motion calling for the establishment of a SACF sub-committee which would monitor operational procedures at Sydney airport.

**The Forum agreed that the Chairman should arrange a meeting between Airservices Australia and community members from the eastern suburbs to discuss their concerns about operational procedures. Mr McClelland, as a representative of affected communities at the western end of the east-west runway, was also to be invited to participate.**

### 10B-Fuel release from aircraft

Mr Socratus requested an explanation about media reports on fuel release by aircraft over parts of Sydney.

Mr Merner (DoTRD) explained that aircraft belonging to a United States registered cargo operator, Evergreen, had been reported as having released fuel four times over the last 10 months. He added the Department had written to Evergreen and the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States about the incidents. Mr Bourke (AICA) explained the technical issues associated with fuel venting (which was the apparent focus of concern in the incidents in question) and how this differed from fuel "dumping".

**The Forum requested that any incidents of fuel release in future should be reported to it.**

**The Chairman will write to the Minister to find out what action is proposed to prevent or deal with any future incidents.**

#### 10C- Noise insulation program

Concerns were raised by Cr Cotter and others that certain areas to the north of the Airport may lose their eligibility for insulation as a result of the changes in noise distribution being introduced by LTOP. A number of technical issues relating to the determination of external noise levels for purposes of insulation treatment were also raised.

**The Chairman will write to the Minister to inquire about the status of implementation of the Noise Insulation Program.**

#### 10D- Safety implications of increased usage of east-west runway

Ms Patrinos (CRAAN) tabled a motion objecting to increased usage of the east-west runway on safety grounds.

**The Chairman agreed to invite Don Brown, Air Traffic Services, Sydney, Airservices Australia and a representative of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to report to the next SACF meeting on safety issues related to increased usage of the east-west runway.**

#### **ITEM 11**

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Members agreed to the date of the ninth SACF meeting which will be Friday 23 May 1997.**

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm.

**SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM  
EIGHTH MEETING - 22 APRIL 1997**

**ATTACHMENT A**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members**

Mr Joe Hockey MP	Federal Member for North Sydney, Chairman
Cr Kris Cruden	representing Mr Anthony Albanese MP, Federal Member for Grayndler
Mr Bill Bourke	Aviation Industry Council of Australia
Ms Marie McGoldrick	representing Mrs K Chikarovski MLA, State Member for Lane Cove
Mr John Clarke	Upper North Shore Community
Cr Barry Cotter	Mayor of Marrickville
Ms Laurel Wolfram	representing Ms Deirdre Grusovin MLA, State Member for Heffron
Ms Ros Habig	representing Ms Sandra Nori MLA, State Member for Port Jackson
Mr Kevin Hill	Kurnell Community
Mr David Lidbetter	Inner West Community
Cr Margaret Martin	Mayor of Randwick
Mr Robert McClelland MP	Federal Member for Barton
Mr Stephen Mutch MP	Federal Member for Cook
Ms Maria Patrinos	Canterbury Residents Against Aircraft Noise
Cr Mary Rawlings	Mayor of Lane Cove
Cr Lorraine Rodden	representing Cr Kevin Schreiber, Mayor of Sutherland Shire
Mr Jim Socratous	representing Mr David Saul, Sydney Airport Forum
Cr Ross Sheerin	Bennelong Community

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