

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

SPECIAL MEETING ON FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE THE INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL AT SYDNEY AIRPORT 70 PHILLIP STREET SYDNEY 30 MAY 1997

SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting attendees are at Attachment A.

ITEM 1 OPENING REMARKS

The meeting opened at 3.00pm. The Chairman, Mr Joe Hockey MP, welcomed members and noted apologies from:

- Cr Barry Cotter, represented by Mr Michael Refshauge
- Mr Robert McClelland MP, represented by Ms Lyn Hesse
- Mr Stephen Mutch MP
- Cr Peter Olah
- Ms Maria Patrinos, represented by Ms Toulia Bull
- Cr Mary Rawlings, represented by Mrs Judith Ohana

The press release by the Minister for Transport and Regional Development regarding the long term operating plan for Sydney Airport was raised by members. It was **agreed** that discussion of the long term operating plan be deferred to a special meeting on or before Friday 13 June 1997, to allow members time to consider the Government's response to the plan.

Mr Albanese noted more information should be made available on all the take-off and landing tracks.

ITEM 2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Members adopted the provisional agenda and agreed to proceed in the order listed.

ITEM 3

FAC PROPOSAL TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER TERMINAL FACILITIES AT SYDNEY AIRPORT

The Chairman invited Mr David Lidbetter to make some opening remarks.

The main points made by Mr Lidbetter were that SACF had insufficient notice of the FAC's proposal, that the proposal does not recognise the environmental impact of the expansion, that the proposal is designed to entrench international operations at Sydney Airport and that the proposal would impact upon operations on the east west runway, thereby possibly affecting implementation of the long term operating plan.

Following Mr Lidbetter's comments, the Chairman noted that discussion should focus on that aspect of Mr Lidbetter's comments which were concerned with the impact of the proposed development on the implementation of the long term operating plan.

Ms Julieanne Alroe from the FAC outlined the evidence in support of the expansion which was provided to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works. She stated that the expansion of the terminal was designed to service the forecast growth in demand for the terminal to 2003; and that the existing terminal is presently at capacity at peak times and failure to address this will have a detrimental effect on the Airport's international reputation and on passengers arriving at the airport. Ms Alroe stressed that the expansion plans are compatible with existing restrictions on the Airport's operations, such as the cap on movements, the curfew and the proposed slots management system. In addition, Ms Alroe stated the FAC supports development of a second Sydney airport.

Ms Alroe noted that the project was being assessed by Environment Australia under the *Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act*.

A major concern raised by members was that the expansion proposal was not brought to SACF's attention by Mr Barry Murphy in a letter of 19 August 1996 to the Chairman.

Ms Alroe pointed out to members that the letter from Mr Murphy only mentioned those works which were already underway at the Airport, or that had been given in-principle support by the FAC Board. She indicated that at the time of writing the letter, the expansion proposal was still undergoing internal analysis at the FAC and it was therefore not appropriate for Mr Murphy to mention it.

Questions were raised regarding the financial modelling for the expansion of the terminal. Members were concerned that the FAC was acting in a commercial manner without regard to the effect on the environment, particularly communities around the Airport. Ms Alroe replied that although the FAC is obliged to act in a commercial manner the FAC's charter also required it to operate in an environmentally sensitive manner.

Ms Alroe stated that the financial modelling was commercial-in-confidence and that the FAC Board had only given in-principle agreement to the proposal. However, it was **agreed** by members that the FAC be formally asked to provide the financial modelling that was undertaken in developing the terminal expansion proposal.

Comments were made by members on the impact of the proposed expansion on the long term operating plan for the airport.

In reply, Ms Alroe noted that peak hours at the Airport were determined by demand from the international air traffic network, of which Sydney Airport is a part. Therefore, there was little that the FAC could do to manipulate peak demand times at the Airport. The proposed slots management system at the Airport was also available to manage demand. In reference to the Olympics, Ms Alroe told the meeting that the 2000 Olympic games brought forward the timing for the project but did not impact upon the scope of the project. Ms Alroe also informed the meeting that the FAC does not believe the proposal will affect operations on the east west runway. Further, the Corporation is under a Ministerial directive not to impact upon operations on the east west runway.

Mr Brown from Airservices informed members that Airservices' concerns regarding the FAC's proposals were based around operations on taxiway G and taxiway A.

In response to questioning from members, Mr Brown confirmed that taxiway A will still be fully operational under FAC plans.

Members questions to Mr Brown and Mr Rischbieth centred on the effect of the FAC's proposal on the east west runway, particularly if there were any situations under the proposal where the east west runway could not be used.

Mr Brown told the meeting that taxiway G would be used differently under the various Modes. Mr Brown explained to the meeting that, based on Bureau of Meteorology records, there were about 310 hours a year where landings of heavy aircraft at the airport could be affected.

Airservices noted there was no other part of the FAC proposal which affected the implementation of the long term operating plan except the proposed bays at Pier C which could have an impact and which could be managed by holding aircraft on the bays.

Mr Zammit proposed the following resolution which was **adopted** by the meeting.

"That SACF recommends to the Federal Minister for Transport and Regional Development and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works that no further upgrade of a major nature such as the current proposal for a \$350M expansion plan at KSA be approved as it would impact on the LTOP by

restricting the use of the E-W runway and would increase the capacity at KSA to an unnecessarily high level and would therefore be a waste of taxpayers monies, particularly in the context of the urgent need for expenditure on public infrastructure for the second international Sydney Airport."

Mr Bourke requested that it be noted in the minutes he did not agree with the resolution.

**ITEM 4
OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business discussed.

The meeting closed at 5.00pm.

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ATTENDANCE

Members

Mr Joe Hockey MP	Federal Member for North Sydney, Chairman
Mr Anthony Albanese MP	Federal Member for Grayndler
Mr Bill Bourke	Aviation Industry Council of Australia
Ms Toula Bull	representing Ms Maria Patrinos, Canterbury Residents Against Aircraft Noise
Ms Kerry Chikarovski MLA	State Member for Lane Cove
Mr John Clarke	Upper North Shore Community
Ms Deirdre Grusovin MLA	State Member for Heffron
Ms Lyn Hespe	representing Mr Robert McClelland MP, Federal Member for Barton
Mr Kevin Hill	Kurnell Community
Mr David Lidbetter	Inner West Community
Cr Margaret Martin	Mayor of Randwick
Mrs Judith Ohana	representing Cr Mary Rawlings, Mayor of Lane Cove
Mr Michael Refshauge	representing Cr Barry Cotter, Mayor of Marrickville
Mr David Saul	Sydney Airport Forum
Cr Ross Sheerin	Bennelong Community
Mr Paul Zammit MP	Federal Member for Lowe

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