



SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

Final

SUMMARY RECORD

Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the
Sydney Airport Community Forum
11th Floor, 70 Phillip Street
Sydney NSW 2000

7 July 2000

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting opened at 9:05 am.

The Chair welcomed members and observers. The Chair then introduced a number of proxies who were attending the meeting. A list of those attending is attached. Apologies were received from Mr B Bourke, Mr J Clarke, Cr B Cotter, Mr M Megna, Cr K McDonnell and Cr F Sinclair King (proxy for Cr A Petrie).

The agenda for the meeting was adopted with the following amendments:

- IFALPA crosswind issue to be added at Agenda Item 3.6; and
- Previous night's air traffic control power failure to be discussed at Agenda Item 9.1.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Confirmation of Summary Record of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting (7 April 2000)

It was agreed that the Summary Record of the twenty-fifth SACF meeting be amended at Agenda Item 3.2 to include the changes in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* identified previously in the DoTRS paper tabled at that meeting [SACF 2000/036].

Action 26/1: The Summary Record of the twenty-fifth SACF meeting be amended at Agenda Item 3.2 to include changes in the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 identified previously in the DoTRS paper tabled at that meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Matters Outstanding and/or Arising from Previous Meetings

3.1 Outstanding correspondence and issues

The Forum noted the Minister's response to the Chair on the resolutions of the twenty-fifth SACF meeting.

3.2 Airport Building Compliance with AS2021

Responding to previous concerns regarding the Hertz Car Rental Building, the Department reported that the construction of the building was required to comply with Australian Standard AS2021. Following discussion the Department undertook to ascertain whether the building had been tested for its compliance to this standard.

Action 26/2: DoTRS to advise at next SACF meeting details of certification of the Hertz Car Rental building to appropriate noise amelioration standards.

3.3 Thai Airlines Prosecution

The Forum noted the Department's paper on this matter and noted that Thai Airlines advised to the court that one of the reasons the aircraft departed Sydney Airport at 1:43am in breach of curfew was due to the unavailability of departure slots until later the next day. The Forum requested the Chair to further pursue this claim.

Action 26/9: The Chair to write to Thai Airlines requesting further information on the statement on unavailability of departure slots on this occasion.

3.4 Mode 8 Usage Patterns and Other Airservices Issues

Mr Ken McLean from Airservices Australia reported on the power failure the previous night at Sydney Airport. The Air Traffic Services Centre lost radar and some of its voice communication capabilities for 12 minutes. The tower itself retained radar and voice communications. Mr McLean assured the Forum that there are provisions to handle such situations and restore power as soon as possible. He noted the Australian Transport Safety Bureau is currently investigating the reasons for this power failure.

Mr McLean then reported to the Forum on Mode 8 usage patterns. Since January this year, Mode 7 has been used around 2 per cent of the time, with Mode 8 being used 8.7 per cent of the time. Currently, movements to the East are around 16 per cent of all movements.

The Forum raised concerns about the persistence of Airservices Australia to use Mode 8 when the LTOP target for the East was already being exceeded. Members discussed options such as re-prioritising the modes to give preference to Mode 7 over Mode 8 and the scope for better balancing quotas across all four quadrants.

It was decided that the Chair would ask IMC to examine the balance in movements between East and West. It was also requested that IMC take into account the equitable distribution of respite throughout the quadrants.

Action 26/3: The Chair to ask IMC to investigate the balance in operation of Modes 7 and 8, taking into account the equitable distribution of quotas and respite.

The Forum discussed the recently introduced DEENA/SID (the “out to sea” departure flight path for aircraft taking off to the South from the main North South runway), but raised concerns as to how far out to sea the aircraft were taken. There was a feeling that they were not taken far enough out, especially during curfew times. Mr McLean reported that it would still be so after introduction of the new SID and aircraft without FMS equipment had difficulties following the exact DEENA 1 route.

Concerns were aired about the quality of service provided by the Noise Enquiry Unit (NEU). The general opinion of the Forum was that the public responses of the NEU are unreliable and inconsistent. It was felt that the public is being “fobbed off” by some of the responses. The opinion was that the quality of service from the NEU has dramatically slipped over the last month to 6 weeks. The Chair encouraged all SACF members to document all contact made with the NEU to enable Airservices to fully investigate the complaints.

Action 26/4: SACF members to document unsatisfactory contact with the NEU for the next SACF meeting.

A question was asked as to the reliability of The Australian Advanced Air Traffic System (TAAATS), especially during the Olympics. Mr McLean assured the Forum that Airservices Australia was confident with the reliability of the system. He confirmed that the service delivery of TAAATS is acceptable to get through the Olympics with the existing operational requirements such as the curfew.

3.5 Precision Runway Monitor (PRM) Trial

The Department provided an update to the Forum on the progress of the PRM trial. PRM will be available for use from 10 July 2000. Collection of baseline data is underway. Four monitoring stations have been established, with an additional two due to begin operation in the near future. To date, two days of baseline monitoring have occurred with ILS operations in place. Further monitoring of ILS operations is being attempted before PRM begins.

The Chair expressed his concerns as to the conduct of the trial. He felt that it lacked the scientific rigour to be fully defensible. He said that the trial was being conducted during an atypical period, without all monitors fully installed. Despite assurances from the Environment Minister and his office, the Chair felt that the conduct of the trial was making it vulnerable to unsubstantiated claims from both supporters and opponents of PRM. The Chair stated his opinion that the PRM Trial should be postponed to enable a more rigorous trial. The Chair has written to the Minister on this matter and will continue to pursue it with the Environment Minister. Members in the Forum supported this approach.

Action 26/5: The Chair to continue to pursue the concerns of SACF about the PRM trial with the Environment Minister.

Further concerns were expressed that the location of the noise monitoring terminals did not appear to recognise the impact of PRM on the Inner North. It was explained by the Department that the data collected by existing noise monitors (eg Leichhardt Town Hall) would be used in the analysis by the noise consultants engaged by Environment Australia. The Department was asked to provide specific information on the location of monitoring terminals and how the data collected from these would be used

Action 26/6: DoTRS to advise at next SACF meeting about locations of existing noise monitoring terminals and how the data from these would be used to assess impacts on the Inner North.

Mr McArdle foreshadowed tabling a possible motion requesting increased levels of monitoring for the Inner North in the event that information to be provided by the Department suggested inadequate coverage.

The Forum discussed the means of receiving progress reports on the PRM Trial. Mr Clarke was asked to provide a regular report from his attendances at the PRM Consultative Committee meetings as to the progress of this trial.

Action 26/7: Mr Clarke to provide regular reports to SACF as to the progress of the PRM Trial.

3.6 International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA): Crosswind Issues

The Chair requested an update from the Department as to the current situation regarding the 25 knot crosswind issue. The Department advised that IFALPA had raised this matter with the Minister and CASA. The Minister has asked CASA to review the matter. A meeting of relevant Federal agencies (CASA, Airservices Australia, ATSB and DoTRS) has been held and work is now being done to review international experience of accidents and incidents related to crosswind conditions and overseas runway nomination practices. It was noted that this is not a straightforward issue, with implications for safety and capacity throughout Australia. There is a further meeting of the agencies scheduled later in July.

The Forum requested that the Department provide a follow-up briefing to the Forum on this issue.

Action 26/8: DoTRS to provide briefing on the IFALPA Crosswind Issue to the next SACF meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Preparation for the Olympic Games

4.1 and 4.2 SACL and Airservices Australia Presentations

Mr John Guselli from Airservices Australia and Ms Julieanne Alroe from Sydney Airports Corporation provided a joint presentation dealing with the preparation of their organisations for the Olympics. See attached.

Ms Alroe highlighted the point that in addition to booking slots for the Olympic period, airlines will also be required to book parking spaces. There will also be a complete moratorium on building work at Sydney Airport from 15 August.

There were concerns raised by the Forum regarding the coordination of helicopter and normal aircraft traffic around Sydney Airport. Mr Guselli assured the Forum that air traffic would continue to operate as usual during the Olympics, although there may be a need for greater focus on arrival and departure times during particular events such as the marathon.

Another concern raised by the Forum was the issue of contingency plans in the case of bad weather days. Mr Guselli reported that Airservices has contingency plans that include diversion of aircraft to other airports and preventing departures. The Chair noted that some limited dispensations from the curfew may be necessary in the event of extreme weather during the Olympic period and that it would be better to have the odd curfew dispensation than restrict aircraft to waiting at the airport, especially considering the international focus on the event.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Report from Implementation and Monitoring Committee

5.1 IMC Report

Mr Andrew Clinton reported on progress of IMC. Mr Clinton reported that the introduction of the DEENA 1 flight path was successful in reducing aircraft noise to certain areas. There have been minor problems with certain aircraft not following the exact path, this is something that Airservices is looking into. Mr Clinton stated that Airservices and the airlines should be commended for their efforts on this issue.

The Forum raised the possibility of utilising 16R departures through Botany Bay Heads during the curfew. The Forum was advised that this was not supported by the

Kurnell community which would be badly affected. This is something the Chair would like IMC to look at further.

Action 26/10: IMC to explore the possibility of adopting Runway 16R departures through the Botany Bay Heads during the curfew.

Mr Clinton stated the Airservices monthly report now highlights mode changes and the fact that these changes are not in accordance with the agreed times. This caused some concern for the Forum and it was requested that Airservices provide additional information on the times of switching to noise sharing runway modes.

Action 26/11: Airservices Australia to provide a regular report, including daily updates, on the times that the Modes change to noise sharing and provide reasons if this is not done on time.

The issue of the trees at Mascot was raised and an update was provided. Botany Council has launched an appeal against the tree lopping and the matter is now with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Councillor Sullivan tabled a paper on Mode 6A prepared by Randwick Council. It was decided that this issue should be included on the agenda for the next SACF meeting.

Mr Clinton raised an issue as to problems with TAAATS, especially in the light of the power problems experienced the previous evening. The Chair requested that a general progress report on TAAATS be forwarded for the next SACF meeting. Airservices will be asked to provide an update on this issue.

Action 26/12: That the following issues be included on the agenda for the twenty-seventh SACF meeting:

- Mode 6A and Randwick Council's paper; and
- TAAATS progress (to be provided by Airservices Australia).

The Chair thanked Mr Clinton for his attendance and input to the IMC.

5.2 IMC Membership

The Minister has approved the appointment of Mr John Clarke to IMC. Mr Kevin Hill has been finding it increasingly difficult to regularly attend these meetings, and he requested that another community representative, possibly Mr Andrew Clinton, be able to attend these meetings from time to time when he is unable. SACF supported that Mr Clinton be nominated as the proxy for both Mr Hill and Mr Clarke.

Action 26/13: The Chair to write to the Minister seeking his agreement to Mr Andrew Clinton being the stand in proxy for Mr Clarke and Mr Hill at IMC.

There was discussion on the representation at IMC. While the majority of the Forum were not inclined to propose any broadening of IMC membership, Councillor Steve Holroyd and Councillor Dominic Sullivan registered the view that the interests of the West and East would be better served at IMC if there were additional members representing these areas.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Noise Insulation

Mr Baird asked that SACF again consider making Kurnell a “one off” case for eligibility for a noise insulation program. This was supported by the Forum which noted the 25ANEF was the recommended boundary for the insulation program in the “Parer Report”, and it was agreed that the Chair write to the Minister reaffirming this.

Action 26/14: The Chair to write to the Minister advising that SACF strongly recommends that residences in Kurnell be insulated on the basis of the 25 ANEF contour.

6.1 DoTRS Presentation

Due to time, the Department did not provide a formal presentation. However, the Forum requested a reference paper on the insulation program prior to the next discussion.

Action 26/15: DoTRS to provide a reference paper on the noise insulation program to the next SACF meeting.

The Forum discussed the concerns about several residents making changes to the noise insulation that had been installed in their homes. It was agreed that it would be desirable for prospective homebuyers to have access to details of the noise insulation measures that have been installed in homes but it was noted this would be likely to require action at the State or Local Government level.

The Department was asked to examine this issue further including legislative options.

Action 26/16: DoTRS, after seeking advice from SACF members, to prepare a paper on options for requiring disclosure of insulation status to prospective homebuyers.

A question was asked as to the effect of the GST on the limit for noise insulation measures. Ms Teresa Aurego, representing Kilpatrick Green, reported that the limit has increased to incorporate the effects of the GST.

6.2 SACF Membership

The Chair noted that noise insulation measures have continually been discussed at SACF meetings and the possibility was raised of allowing a specialist in this area to join the Forum. Members of the Forum saw this as a good idea as it was felt that this was a significant issue for the Forum requiring prompt and accurate answers to specific questions. The ideal member would have experience in acoustic design, town planning and state legal issues.

It was felt that although this was a good idea, the most suitable solution would be to limit membership to current numbers and engage a specific consultant when major issues developed.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Other Business

The Forum entered into a brief discussion concerning N70 footprints and the inclusion of such information into the monthly reports. It was agreed that this occur and for the IMC to be asked how best to do this.

Action 26/17: Request the IMC to incorporate N70 data in the monthly operational reports.

Mr Balzola, representative for Mr John Murphy MP tabled the following resolution for discussion at the next meeting of the Forum:

1. In light of the Minister for Transport and Regional Services response to John Murphy's question on notice in the House of Representatives No 1386 (4) 19 June 2000, the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) recognises that, at the time of the Public Inquiry into the Precision Runway Monitor (PRM), the LTOP had not been fully implemented.
2. In light of (1) above, the response by the Minister to Question 1386 (5) is fundamentally flawed by reason of its implicit admission that PRM, as assessed as at the date of the PRM Public Inquiry, could not possibly reach the conclusion that 'the Commission ... This motion recounts the advice of Airservices Australia at previous SACF meetings alerting SACF to the fact that no fair assessment of PRMs impact on the LTOP, nor any environment conclusion thereof, could be made without a fully implemented LTOP.
3. That, by reasons of (1) and (2) above, the SACF again call upon the Minister to abandon the PRM proposal.
4. That, in light of the Minister's response to question 1386 (4) SACF call again upon Airservices Australia, and any other relative body to fulfil the repeated requests from SACF for a Project Schedule as prescribed indicating, inter alia, the completion date for the implementation of the LTOP.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting to be advised.

The twenty-sixth meeting of SACF ended at 12:05pm.



ACTION LIST

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ATTACHMENT A: Attendance

Members

B Nelson MP	Federal Member for Bradfield, Chair
E Armstrong	Representing Anthony Roberts, Mayor of Lane Cove
B Baird MP	Federal Member for Cook
R Balzola	Representing John Murphy MP, Member for Lowe
H Browne	Representing Joe Hockey MP, Federal Member for North Sydney
S Burchell	Representing Randolph Griffiths Sydney Airport Forum Pty Ltd
A Clinton	Representing John Clarke, the Upper North Shore Community
C Falvey	Australian Air Transport Association
B Forrest	Representing Kevin Hill, Kurnell Community
D Grusovin MLA	State Member for Heffron
R Habig	Representing Sandra Nori MLA, Member for Port Jackson
S Holroyd	Rockdale Council
M Lynch	Representing Philip Sansom, Mayor of Hurstville
A Marchei	Representing Kerry Chikarovski MLA, State Member for Lane Cove
S McArdle	Representing Anthony Albanese MP, Federal Member for Grayndler
M Patrinos	Canterbury Residents Against Aircraft Noise (CRAAN)
D Sullivan	Mayor of Randwick

Advisers/Secretariat

P Merner	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
M Mrdak	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
D Southgate	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
S Rahmani	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
G Kelly	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
Y Finkelstein	Dr Nelson's Electorate Office

L Joynson	Airservices Australia
K McLean	Airservices Australia
J Guselli	Airservices Australia

J Leaversuch	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
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J Alroe	Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd
K Allcott	Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd
L Smith	Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd

T Aurego	Kilpatrick Green
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Observers

J Falk	Public observer
J Jones	Clover Moore's Office
P Lingard	North West Residents Action Group
B Sommer	ABC Radio