



SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

Twenty-eighth Meeting
11TH Floor, 70 Phillip Street, Sydney
Wednesday, 15 November 2000
9.00am to 12 noon

Final

SUMMARY RECORD

AGENDA ITEM 1

Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

The meeting opened at 9.10am.

A list of those attending is attached. Apologies were received from Ms Sandra Nori MLA and Cr Tracie Sonda.

The Chair welcomed members and observers. The Chair read a letter from Mr Anthony Albanese MP, advising that he would no longer participate on the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) in response to the Government's failure to announce a decision on the building of the second Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek.

The Chair undertook to write to absent members asking them to indicate their intentions on continuing membership of the Forum and advise the Minister of his actions.

Action 28/1: *Chair to write to missing members asking them to confirm in writing their intentions concerning continuing their membership of SACF and will inform the Minister of his actions.*

AGENDA ITEM 2

Confirmation of the Summary Record of the 27th Meeting

It was agreed that the Summary Record of the twenty-seventh SACF meeting be accepted with the following two amendments.

- Agenda Item 3.1-'Outstanding correspondence and issues' - to record that Mr Armstrong also abstained from supporting the motion - *Unless a*

resolution is made to the second Sydney Airport issue by the end of October in accordance with the promises of the Howard Government, Members will call a meeting to develop alternative strategies to participating on SACF.

- Agenda Item 3.6 'Mode 6A' - by replacing the words "...the proposal is supported by Kurnell residents because it provides additional respite opportunities for that community" to "...the proposal is supported by Kurnell residents because it provides the only respite opportunity for that community"

Action 28/2: *The Summary Record of the twenty- seventh SACF meeting be amended.*

AGENDA ITEM 3

Matters arising and/or outstanding from previous meeting

3.1 Outstanding Correspondence and issues

The Forum noted that the Minister had not responded to the Chair on the resolutions of the twenty-seventh SACF meeting.

The Chair advised the Forum that he had spoken to Mr Megna about the discussion on a proposed resolution at the 27th meeting concerning his membership of the Forum. Mr Murphy indicated that he endorsed Mr Megna's membership of SACF and noted that Mr Megna had been active in aircraft noise issues for a number of years.

3.2 DoTRS – Insulation Program

The Forum considered two papers on the Sydney Airport Noise Insulation Program (SANIP) prepared by the Department.

To ensure that prospective purchasers of insulated properties are made aware of the state of insulation prior to purchase the Forum resolved

That a statement should be placed on Section 149 certificate of houses which have been treated under SANIP recommending to prospective purchasers that the insulation be inspected by a qualified acoustic practitioner prior to the sale being finalised.

Action 28/3: *The Chair to advise the Minister of the resolution.*

The Forum's attention was also drawn to an issue with the definition of buildings under SANIP. It was claimed that there was scope for a private dwelling to be defined as a 'boarding house' in order to circumvent the cap of \$55,500 on the expenditure of private dwellings.

Action 28/4: The Chair to advise the Minister of questions raised concerning the definition of 'boarding houses' for inclusion in the Sydney Airport Noise Insulation Program.

3.3 *Government purchase of flight corridors over the sand hills at Kurnell*

Members were advised of the potential re-zoning of land in the sandhills which could lead to the construction of significant residential developments. It was agreed that it is imperative that this flight corridor be maintained, as it is the busiest flight path in Sydney and also the curfew 'corridor'.

The Forum resolved

That the Commonwealth should take all possible steps to maintain the corridor through the Kurnell sandhills free from housing, including the possible purchase of land.

Action 28/5: *The Chair to ask the Minister to take all possible steps to maintain the flight corridor through the Kurnell sandhills.*

It was further agreed that the Chair write to the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP) to ascertain its attitude to the application of AS2021 in regard to the insulation status of new residential developments.

Action 28/6: *The Chair to write to the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning concerning its position on A2021.*

3.4 *Non-compliance with the DEENA 1 SID*

Members were advised that this issue was discussed at the IMC meeting held on the previous evening and that it is being pursued by Airservices.

3.5 *Sale of Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport*

Members expressed concerns that it appears the Government may sell Sydney Airport in the near future despite its commitment that this would not take place until the noise problems have been solved.

The Forum agreed, with Mr Bourke abstaining, that the Chair write to the Prime Minister drawing his attention to the Government's commitment to resolving the Airport's noise problems prior to the sale of KSA.

Action 28/7: *Chair to write to the Prime Minister concerning the sale of Sydney Airport.*

3.6 *Crosswind Operations*

The Forum was advised that CASA had made recommendations to the Minister and an announcement was imminent. There was discussion regarding the consequences of a reduction of the current crosswind requirements. Airservices Australia indicated that a resolution would impact on the operational efficiency of the Airport forcing it to operate on one runway for an increased amount of time. Airservices Australia undertook to provide a report which indicates the throughput that was achieved during and shortly after the Olympics at the times when the Airport operated on one runway.

Action 28/8: *Airservices Australia to provide a report on movement numbers when the Airport operated on a single runway during and shortly after the Olympics.*

PRM/STAR Trial

Mr Bourke spoke to a letter that Qantas had sent the Secretariat concerning the STAR trial. During discussion it was suggested that based on overseas experience, the use of "power-off" approaches used in conjunction with PRM could reduce the level of noise and emissions, especially on the down wind leg. However, many members expressed concerns that the STAR would lead to the concentration of flight paths.

Mr Murphy and other members expressed concern that with the failure to implement the LTOP, the adoption of PRM with the STAR would only lead back to full time use of the parallel runways.

The Department undertook to circulate information on the use of 'continuous descent approaches' at overseas airports.

Action 28/9: *The Department to circulate information on continuous descent approaches at overseas airports.*

The following motion was accepted by the meeting:

In view of members' general recognition of the merits of the industry's proposal, SACF recommends that with the availability of the noise monitors for the PRM trial, the opportunity be taken to assess the environmental benefits of the power off descent procedure associated with the STAR. This assessment is to be undertaken upon completion of baseline data gathering for the overall PRM trial and prior to the removal of the existing noise monitoring equipment.

Eight members voted for and seven against this motion. The Chair indicated to the meeting that he would have anticipated that a number of the members who were absent (and whose formal position in relation to the continuing membership was yet to be established) would have voted against the motion.

Action 28/10 : *The Chair to advise the Minister of this resolution.*

AGENDA ITEM 4

Reports from Airservices Australia and the Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd (SACL)

Mr McLean from Airservices advised members on the noise distribution for October. There were reductions in movements to the North, South and East, but an increase for the West.

Mr Murphy again expressed his grave concerns that the LTOP was not yet fully implemented and restated his request for a formal implementation timetable. Airservices Australia undertook to provide this.

Mr McLean reassured members that the Freecall noise enquiry line would continue.

Ms Alroe gave a verbal report on behalf of the Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd (SACL). She advised the Forum that an area to the north of the airport will be used to handle freight and will be joined to the Airport by a bridge across Qantas drive.

There was discussion regarding buildings on the airport complying with Australian Standard AS2021.

The Chair asked what strategies had been put in place to meet the increased demand during the Olympics. SACL advised that extensive use of volunteers and increased staff members greatly assisted the smooth running of the Airport at this time. Ms Alroe also emphasised that there were only a few unusually busy days such as those around the opening and closing ceremonies.

The Chair recorded his thanks for the support of SACL and Ansett in the staging of a major Aboriginal Art exhibition in Sydney.

Action 28/11: *Airservices Australia to provide LTOP project timetable.*

AGENDA ITEM 5

Report from Implementation and Monitoring Committee

Mr Hill reported on the key issues before the IMC.

- Problems experienced during the curfew hours due to the requirement to operate on a “nose to nose” basis.
- Airservices is to undertake a formal environment assessment of Mode 6A.
- Exceedances of the 80 cap movements per hour
- Airservices Australia is now publishing an N70 in conjunction with each quarterly ANEI.

Members discussed the difficulties arising from the Minister's wish that there be no proxies for either community or industry representatives at meetings of the Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC). The Forum agreed to seek alternative ways of achieving continuity of representation at IMC meetings.

Action 28/12: *The Chair to write to the Minister seeking consideration of alternative ways of achieving continuity of representation at IMC meetings.*

AGENDA ITEM 6

Standing Operational Reports

Members noted the reports attached to the agenda papers.

AGENDA ITEM 7

SACF Correspondence and Issues Raised by the Public

7.1 Key Correspondence

Members noted incoming and outgoing correspondence.

7.2 Community Submissions

A letter submitted by SACF Inc. was tabled. The Chair asked the Department to examine and report back on the issues raised. It was agreed that this be circulated to all members.

Action 28/13: *The SACF Inc letter to be circulated to the members and the Department to examine and report back on the issues raised.*

AGENDA ITEM 8

Other Business

Members

A statement by John Clarke was read to the meeting by Mr Birchall - this indicated Mr Clarke's continued support for SACF and voiced his concerns at the resignation of key members of SACF.

Mr Murphy also indicated that despite the lack of a decision on the new airport he would not be leaving SACF.

Mobile Noise Monitors

The Forum agreed that members be asked to indicate where they would wish to see mobile monitors placed in the future when they become available for deployment following the PRM trial.

***Action 28/14:** The Chair to write to SACF members asking where they would wish to see mobile monitors placed in the future.*

AGENDA ITEM 9

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was not decided. Members were advised that it would take place in mid December.

Action List for the 28th Meeting 15 November 2000

28/1: Chair to write to missing members asking them to confirm in writing their intentions concerning continuing membership of SACF and inform the Minister of his actions.

28/2: The Summary Record of the twenty- seventh SACF meeting be amended.

28/3: The Chair to advise the Minister of the resolution regarding the Insulation program.

28/4: The Chair to advise the Minister of questions raised concerning the definition of 'boarding houses' for inclusion in the Sydney Airport Noise Insulation Program.

28/5: The Chair to advise the Minister on the resolution to take all possible steps to maintain the flight corridor through the Kurnell sandhills.

28/6: The Chair to write to the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning concerning its position on A2021.

28/7: Chair to write to the Prime Minister concerning the sale of Sydney Airport.

28/8: Airservices Australia to provide a report on movement numbers when the Airport operated on a single runway during and shortly after the Olympics.

28/9: The Department to circulate information regarding continuous descent approaches at overseas airports.

28/10: The Chair to advise the Minister of the resolution concerning the STAR trial.

28/11: Airservices Australia to provide the LTOP project timetable.

28/12: The Chair to write to the Minister concerning proxies for community and industry representatives on the IMC.

28/13: The SACF Inc letter to be circulated to the members and the Department to examine and report back on the issues raised.

28/14: The Chair to write to SACF members asking where they would wish to see mobile monitors placed in the future.

ATTACHMENT A: Attendance

Members

B Nelson MP	Federal Member for Bradfield, Chair
E Armstrong	Representing Stephen Bowers, Mayor of Lane Cove
C Barnes	Representing Kerry Chikarovski MLA, State Member for Lane Cove
S Birchall	Representing John Clarke, Upper North Shore Community
W Bourke	Representing Australian Air Transport Association
T Bull	Representing Maria Patrinos, Canterbury Residents Against Aircraft Noise (CRAAN)
A Clinton	Representing Randolph Griffiths, Sydney Airport Forum Pty Ltd
B Collins	Representing Joe Hockey MP, Federal Member for North Sydney
K Hill	Representing the Kurnell Community
L Hird	Representing Michael Megna, Inner West Community
M Lynch	Representing Bill Pickering, Mayor of Hurstville
T Mumford	Representing Bruce Baird MP Federal Member for Cook
J Murphy MP	Federal Member for Lowe
R Sheerin	Representing the Bennelong Community

Advisers/Secretariat

Dept of Transport and Regional Services	P Merner
Dept of Transport and Regional Services	D Southgate
Dept of Transport and Regional Services	M Sharf
Dept of Transport and Regional Services	D Kerr
Member for Bradfield's Office	Y Finkelstein
Airservices Australia	C Dahl
Airservices Australia	L Joynson
Airservices Australia	K McLean
Airservices Australia	B Pinney
Ansett	B Beudeker
CASA	J Leaversuch
Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd	J Alroe
Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd	L Smith
OAOA	D Creak
ABC Radio	L Smith
Member for Paddington's Office	J Jones
North West Residents Airport Group	P Lingard
	G Barnes