



SYDNEY AIRPORTS COMMUNITY FORUM

**Twenty-ninth Meeting
11th Floor, 70 Phillip Street, Sydney
Wednesday, 16 May 2001
9.00am to 12 noon**

Final

SUMMARY RECORD

AGENDA ITEM 1

Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

The Chair opened the meeting and advised that apologies had been received from Randolph Griffiths, Maria Patrinos, Tracie Sonda. She also advised members that Ross Sheerin had resigned.

Mr Albanese announced that he would be resigning from the forum. He spoke of the positive aspects of the forum, including LTOP, and the contributions of former chairs Dr Nelson MP and Mr Hockey MP. In particular he praised the efforts of Mr Hill and Mr Lidbetter. Mr Albanese cited the Government's decision on Badgerys Creek, PRM, the decision on Bankstown, the failure to compensate businesses in Sydenham and the breach of the legislative cap as reasons for his resignation.

Chair expressed disappointment that Mr Albanese felt the need to resign.

Mrs Grusovin also announced her decision to resign from the Forum. She cited the difficulties she had experienced in getting accurate information at the meetings, and indicated that she felt the Forum had become little more than a PR exercise.

Mr Cotter announced his resignation from the Forum. He focused his comments on the cap breaches reported in the Sydney Morning Herald and what he considered SACF's failure to fully inform members.

Mr Albanese circulated a media release. The three members then left the meeting.

The Chair again expressed her disappointment about the resignations of Mr Albanese, Mrs Grusovin and Cr Cotter because now these communities are left with no representation on the Forum.

A number of other members also expressed concern with the management of aircraft noise issues. In particular they raised the non-achievement of the LTOP targets, the Government's decision not to build a second airport and the effectiveness of SACF.



AGENDA ITEM 2

Confirmation of Summary Record

The draft summary record of the 28th meeting of SACF was confirmed without amendment.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Matters Arising

3.1 Correspondence

There was lengthy debate about the Airport's movement cap. Discussion centred on why the number of movements exceeds 80 per hour on occasions and whether this contravenes the legislation. SACF was advised that the Regulations control the number of slots allocated not the number of movements that actually occur. It was explained that minor disruptions to schedules can lead to more than 80 movements in certain hours. A number of members expressed the view that the community expectation is that there will be no more than 80 movements in any one hour and therefore less than 80 slots per hour should be allocated to allow for schedule disruptions.

Mr Bourke indicated that the airlines view is that the legislation is being fully complied with and no action should be taken to change the current arrangements.

There were questions as to the status of a letter that Dr Nelson MP was to write to the Prime Minister concerning the sale of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport

Following the discussions it was agreed that:

- Action 29/1:** *The Department to look at whether any legislative changes could be made to ensure 80 movements are not exceeded in any one hour.*
- Action 29/2:** *Airservices to provide a report on why there are more than 80 movements in some hours.*
- Action 29/3:** *Senator Coonan to ascertain whether Dr Nelson MP wrote to the Prime Minister concerning the future role of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport after the last SACF meeting.*

3.2 Kurnell Development

Mr Hill briefly advised members of the proposal to amend the Kurnell Peninsula Regional Environmental Plan to permit residential development in the Kurnell



Sandhills. The meeting was also advised that there were other parcels of land which have the potential to be sold and developed for residential use.

There was consensus amongst all the members that the development should not go ahead, as it would involve the loss of the Airport's flight path corridor to the south.

Action 29/4: *The Department to coordinate the preparation of a SACF submission to the NSW Dept of Urban Affairs and Planning on the Kurnell development proposal if required.*

3.3 Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP)

The question was raised as to when the Master Plan for Sydney Airport will be ready. It was agreed that the Chair would seek this information from the Minister.

Following debate on the best way to take LTOP forward it was agreed that the Chair write to the Minister seeking advice as to when the targets will be met for each of the geographic quadrants and what will be the long term levels of use of the LTOP runway modes.

Mr McLean undertook to examine whether the use of Mode 8 can be re-initiated.

Action 29/5: *Chair to write to the Minister seeking advice as to when Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) targets will be met and what will be the long term use of the LTOP runway modes.*

Action 29/6: *Chair to write to the Minister seeking advice as to when the master plan for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport will be available.*

3.4 Precision Runway Monitor (PRM) Trial

Mr Clarke advised the meeting that he considers that the PRM trial had shown that the use of PRM for landings from the north would have a significant environmental impact on residents living to the north of the Airport. This view was supported by members and it was agreed that the Chair should write to the Minister and the Environment Minister requesting that PRM not be used.

Action 29/7: *Chair to advise Minister Anderson and the Environment Minister that the Forum considers that the use of the Precision Runway Monitor (PRM) from the north imposes a significant impact on residents to the north of the airport and requests that the use of PRM be abandoned.*



3.5 *Mobile Noise Monitors*

There was a general discussion about mobile noise monitors.

Members nominated a number of sites which they wished to be considered as future locations for mobile noise monitoring. The nominated sites were:

- Bexley North;
- Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove;
- West Botany Street, Rockdale;
- Canada Bay; and
- Coogee.

Action 29/8: *The Secretariat to advise the LTOP Implementation and Monitoring Committee of the nominated additional sites for mobile noise monitoring.*

AGENDA ITEM 4

Sale of Sydney Airport

Mr Merner gave the Forum a brief background to the sale issue and summarised the recent government announcements relating to the future of Sydney's airports needs.

This initiated extended discussion. In particular members expressed concern that the sale is proceeding despite the fact that in their view the noise problems haven't been resolved.

Mr Murphy put forward the following motion:

In light of the Coalition's Aviation Policy dated 13 February 1996 and repeated statements made in speeches such as the Airports Act 1996 second reading speech by the then Minister for Transport and Regional Services, the Sydney Airport Community Forum demands that the Government NOT lease Sydney Airport and Sydney West Airport until there is a satisfactory solution to the current aircraft noise problems in Sydney, including achievement of LTOP and the building of a second airport.

The motion was accepted, with Mr Bourke and Mr Beudeker dissenting.

Action 29/9: *Chair to advise the Minister of the motion passed under Agenda Item 4.*

Mr Clarke subsequently initiated discussion on the need for formal environmental clearance of the Government's recent decisions relating to the second airport and the role of Kingsford Smith. The meeting resolved that:



The recent actions by the Government to firstly expand the operation of Sydney Airport before building a second airport, and secondly to amend the slots legislation to force the use of larger aircraft, will have a significant impact on the environment of Sydney which has not previously been assessed. These actions must be subject to a full and proper environmental assessment to allow the significant environmental impacts on the people of Sydney to be understood, before they are allowed to proceed.

SACF further resolves that the Chair write to:

- 1. The Minister for Transport and Regional Services to advise him of this resolution and request he prepare a referral of the actions as required by the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.*
- 2. The Minister for the Environment to advise him of this resolution and request he ensure that these actions by the Commonwealth be properly and thoroughly environmentally assessed.*

Action 29/10: *Chair to advise the Minister of the Clarke motion regarding environmental assessment of decisions on Sydney Airport.*

Action 29/11: *Chair to write to the Environment Minister to advise him of the resolution raised under Agenda Item 4.*

Action 29/12: *Department to provide briefing on the issues raised in the resolution under Agenda Item 4.*

AGENDA ITEM 5

SACL Report

Ms Alroe gave a brief presentation on relevant activities at the Airport.

She indicated that progress is being made on the removal of obstacles which will allow the landing threshold on Runway 25 to be relocated.

Ms Alroe also advised the Forum that the purchase of land to the north of Alexandra Canal is proceeding.

AGENDA ITEM 6

LTOP Report

Mr Hill briefly advised on issues being discussed within the IMC.

He reported that an environmental assessment is being carried out on Mode 6A.

Mr Hill also referred to the IMC's discussions on the exceedances of the 80 movements cap and the non achievement of the LTOP targets.



He reported that Airservices is establishing a committee to look into broad Sydney airspace issues (ATM reform) and that it is seeking community representatives on this committee. The Forum agreed that it would like to see two community representatives sitting on the committee.

Action 29/13: *Secretariat to seek nominations from members for two community representatives to sit on the committee examining ATM reform.*

AGENDA ITEM 7

Operational Reports

This item was noted without discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 8

SACF Correspondence

This item was noted without discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Other Business

The Chair expressed disappointment that given the resignations of some members, certain areas are no longer represented and indicated that she would like to see this matter rectified.

The Forum agreed that the Secretariat should develop a draft schedule of meetings for the rest of the year, and that agenda papers should be paginated.

Action 29/14: *Chair to raise the issue of appointing new members with the Minister.*

Action 29/15: *Secretariat to develop a draft schedule of meetings for the rest of the year.*

Action 29/16: *Secretariat to paginate agenda papers.*

AGENDA ITEM 10

Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively set down for Friday 15 June 2001.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.



Action Sheet

- 29/1:** The Department to look at whether any legislative changes could be made to ensure 80 movements are not exceeded in any one hour.
- 29/2:** Airservices to provide a report on why there are more than 80 movements in some hours
- 29/3:** Senator Coonan to ascertain whether Dr Nelson MP wrote to the Prime Minister concerning the role of KSA after the last SACF meeting.
- 29/4:** The Department to coordinate the preparation of a SACF submission to the NSW Dept of Planning and Urban Affairs on the Kurnell development proposal if required.
- 29/5:** Chair to write to the Minister seeking advice as to when the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) targets would be met and what will be the long term use of the LTOP runway modes.
- 29/6:** Chair to write to the Minister seeking advice as to when the master plan for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport will be available.
- 29/7:** Chair to advise Minister Anderson and the Environment Minister that the Forum considers that the use of the Precision Runway Monitor (PRM) from the north imposes a significant impact on residents to the north of the airport and requests that the use of PRM be abandoned.
- 29/8:** The Secretariat to advise the LTOP Implementation and Monitoring Committee of the nominated additional sites for mobile noise monitoring.
- 29/9:** Chair to advise the Minister of the motion passed under Agenda Item 4.
- 29/10:** Chair to advise the Minister of the Clarke motion regarding environmental assessment of decisions on Sydney Airport.
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ATTACHMENT A: Attendance

Members

H Coonan	Senator for NSW, Chair
A Albanese	Federal Member for Grayndler
B Beudeker	Australian Air Transport Association
W Bourke	Australian Air Transport Association
S Bowers	Mayor of Lane Cove
J Clarke	Representing the Upper North Shore Community
C Connolly	Representing Robert McClelland MP, Federal Member for Barton
B Cotter	Mayor of Marrickville
D Grusovin	State Member for Heffron
B Hayes	Representing Joe Hockey MP, Federal Member for North Sydney
K Hill	Representing the Kurnell Community
S Holroyd	Representing the Rockdale Council
M Lynch	Representing Bill Pickering, Mayor of Hurstville
A Marchei	Representing Kerry Chikarovski MLA, State Member for Lane Cove
T Mumford	Representing Bruce Baird MP, Federal Member for Cook
J Murphy MP	Federal Member for Lowe
D Niven	Representing Mark Bonanno, Mayor of Ashfield
F Sinclair King	Representing the Wentworth Community
J York	Representing Michael Megna, Inner West Community



Advisers/Secretariat

Dept of Transport and Regional Services	P Merner
Dept of Transport and Regional Services	J McLucas
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Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd	J Alroe
Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd	L Smith
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ABC Radio	B Sommers
Lane Cove Council	E Armstrong
North West Residents Airport Group	P Lingard
Sydney Morning Herald	D Goodsir
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