



**Sydney Airport Community Forum**

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# **SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM**

## **38<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**Conference Room A, 8th Floor,  
70 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000**

**12 December 2003**

## **SUMMARY RECORD**



## **Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda**

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.08 am.

The Chair welcomed members and the proxies representing members to the meeting.

- Attachment A is a list of Members and Observers attending the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Mr Chris Falvey who is succeeding Ms Lisa Smith as the representative for the Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd and Tom Grant, Organisational Development and Corporate Services, Airservices Australia succeeding Mr Ken McLean.

The Chair thanked Mr McLean for his valuable assistance to the Forum.

The Chair also noted this was Mr Mumford's last meeting as representative for Bruce Baird MP, Federal Member for Cook and thanked him for his contribution to the Forum.

Members adopted the provisional agenda without amendment.

## **Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Draft Summary Records**

The Draft Summary Record from the 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 19 September 2003 was confirmed without amendment.

## **Agenda Item 3: Matters arising and / or Outstanding from Previous Meeting**

The Chair indicated that there was a number of items deferred for some time due to discussion of the Preliminary Draft Master Plan. The Chair also noted correspondence from the Minister for Transport and Regional Services responding to the outcomes of the last meeting.

## **Agenda Item 4: Sydney Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan**

### *4.1 Sensitivity Analysis*

The Department advised it was not in a position to provide a sensitivity analysis with respect to the traffic forecasts in SACL's preliminary draft Master Plan in the form requested by SACF at the last meeting. Ms Addison advised that the initial results of the Department's analysis of the available data was not considered sufficiently robust to be provided to SACF. Ms Addison noted that she appreciated the concept of a sensitivity analysis however the Department will be assessing the draft Master Plan in the context of the *Airports Act 1996* and will further consult relevant areas at that time. Ms Addison also noted that airport Master Plans are reviewed every 5 years and that one of the purposes of the 5 year reviews is to update the traffic forecasts.



Mr Clarke indicated that community environmental issues regarding the ongoing use of the airport hinge on the forecasted figures and felt it important the impact of increased movements on issues such as the movement cap and LTOP mode change triggers are considered.

Mr Clarke presented the following motion for SACF consideration.

“That SACF request the Department of Transport and Regional Services in their review of the SACL Draft Master Plan to conduct sensitivity analysis of the traffic forecasts and their impact on the continued achievement of the Long Term Operating Plan – in particular, the existing LTOP aircraft movement targets to the north, south east and west of the airport. Specifically, the analysis should look at the use of the noise sharing modes during the Master Plan 20 year planning horizon. Further, that the Department requests a copy of the SACL model to facilitate conduct of this analysis.”

The motion was seconded and carried.

*Agenda Item 4.1 Action Item 38/01: SACF request the Department of Transport and Regional Services in their review of the SACL Draft Master Plan to conduct sensitivity analysis of the traffic forecasts and their impact on the continued achievement of the Long Term Operating Plan – in particular, the existing LTOP aircraft movement targets to the north, south East and West of the airport. Specifically, the analysis should look at the use of the noise sharing modes during the Master Plan 20 year planning horizon. Further, that the Department requests a copy of the SACL model to facilitate conduct of this analysis.*

Mr Clarke also asked Mr Falvey if SACL would be willing to provide the Department with their forecast data to enable a sensitivity analysis to be conducted. Mr Falvey advised he would need consult SACL’s CEO regarding this request.

*Agenda Item 4.1 Action Item 38/02: SACL to consider providing DOTARS with the draft Master Plan forecast data.*

#### 4.2 SACF Submission to SACL

The Chair thanked Forum members for their participation and input into the preparation of the submission, noting in particular the excellent work provided by Ms Sue Skermer from the Department of Transport and Regional Services. The Chair further noted that the submission had been forwarded to Mr Max Moore Wilton, SACL CEO, on 31 October 2003 and acknowledgment of the submission’s receipt had been received.

Mr Glen Stuart, SACL Master Plan Project Director, noted that 88 submissions on the preliminary version of the draft Master Plan were received, with roughly half from individuals and half from councils/organisations etc. Mr Stuart provided a detailed update of the amendments made to the document following consideration of the submissions. It was noted that the issues raised in submissions broadly covered:



- aircraft noise;
- LTOP;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sydney airport;
- curfew cap;
- noise amelioration programme;
- aviation traffic forecasts;
- landside traffic management and off-airport infrastructure;
- integration of Sydney Airport into regional plans.

Mr Stuart advised that the draft Master Plan is to be presented to the SACL Board in the week beginning 15 December 2003 and presentation to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services is expected by 31 December 2003.

The Chair asked if SACL intended to write to individuals that made submissions regarding the preliminary draft Master Plan. Mr Stuart indicated SACL did not intend to write individually but noted that if SACF required a formal response to its submission it would be considered following approval of the draft Master Plan. The Chair noted SACF would appreciate a formal response to its submission. Mr Stuart agreed to consider the request.

***Agenda Item 4.2 Action Item 38/03:** SACL to consider responding formally to SACF regarding its submission to the preliminary Draft Master Plan.*

Mr Holroyd, representing Rockdale Council, raised a number of issues about the amount of parking at the airport and the effect from promoting increased rail usage.

Mr Balzola raised his concern that parking and rail pricing policies were discriminating against people in Sydney's west. Mr Balzola also reiterated concerns raised in Mr Murphy's submission regarding the draft Master Plan's adherence to sections 71, 72 and 78 of the *Airports Act 1996*. In response Mr Stuart noted that a compliance matrix explaining how the draft Master Plan complies to statutory requirements will be included in the submission to the Minister.

In response to a question from Mr Kevin Hill, representing Kurnell community, SACL advised that airport comment/opposition to off-airport developments were restricted to those that proposed to penetrate OLS and PANS-OPS. It was also noted that this airspace is protected by Federal legislation. The Chair noted that SACF has been concerned about the issue of off-airport developments that infringe on OLS and PANS-OPS for some time. The Chair resolved to take special briefing at the next meeting to determine what SACF wants to do about those types of issues.

***Agenda Item 4.2 Action Item 38/04:** The Department to provide briefing for the next meeting on the current regulatory framework surrounding development proposals that infringe OLS and PANS-OPS.*



## **Agenda Item 5: Report from the LTOP IMC, Review of LTOP and Airservices Australia Issues**

### 5.1 IMC Report

Mr Hill noted the final LTOP IMC meeting for the year was held on 9 December 2003. A summary of issues discussed was provided:

- Qantas presentation of information on the A380;
- Continued concerns about increased overflights of Summer Hill;
- Movements for November to the North are up, noted this was due to weather conditions;
- Movements from RWY 16 to the North being monitored;
- Notification of NEU not being manned on Saturdays;
- New technology and STAR trial for 34 landings;
- Issues referred from IMC to LTOP Review.

### 5.2 *LTOP Review*

Mr Clarke noted IMC reviewed a number of recommendations from Task Force 2 and resolved to refer 5 of the 10 items to the LTOP Review Sub-Committee. Mr Clarke noted that IMC were advised the issues were considered to be outside the terms of reference advertised for the consultant. Mr Clarke remarked there seemed to be some confusion over where the issues were intending to be referred.

The Chair put forward a resolution that the Forum will undertake not to go outside the agreed consultant's terms of reference however this does not mean that the Sub-Committee cannot consider the issues referred from IMC. The motion was seconded by Mr Clarke and carried.

*Agenda Item 5.2 Action Item 38/05: LTOP Review Sub-Committee to consider 5 issues raised by the community representatives at LTOP IMC.*

Ms Addison advised that the tender review process was in its final stages and it is expected that details of suitable tenders are intended to be provided electronically to the Sub-Committee in the week commencing 15 December 2003.

It was noted that all Sub-Committee Deeds of Confidentiality have now been signed.

### 5.3 *New Technologies Working Group*

No issues were raised.

### 5.4 *Terminal Control Unit*

Mr McLean advised that under the TCU integration project, a restructure of Airservices Sydney Operations would occur and take effect from 8 March 2004. This would result in the Sydney TCU reporting to the Melbourne Centre and the Sydney Tower becoming part of Airport Services. Mr McLean further advised that as a result,



his position would no longer exist and this would be his last meeting. Tom Grant would be the Airservices representative on SACF from now on.

Mr Grant advised that the Airservices Australia Board agreed in principle to consolidate Perth, Adelaide and Sydney TCU's to Melbourne however noted that costs associated with redundancies and replacement of current TAAATS indicated that the timing of the consolidation should be delayed.

Mr Grant advised the Board considered 2010-2012 to be the most cost effective time for the transition on that basis. Mr Grant further advised that staffing changes were not scheduled to begin until 2008 but that a number of internal changes to reporting responsibilities are being implemented. Mr Grant reiterated that LTOP and local knowledge remained a top priority in any management considerations for change.

The Chair made reference to a meeting in Parliament House in 2003 attended by Labour and Liberal Parliamentarians and Airservices at which strong objection was registered to the consolidation of TCU's on the basis of 1) loss of local knowledge, 2) redundancies, 3) lack of community support and 4) safety. Minister Anderson has not approved TCU consolidation.

## **Agenda Item 6: Noise Insulation**

### *6.1 Noise Amelioration Programme Progress Report*

The Chair noted the progress report attached to the agenda papers.

### *6.2 Kurnell Noise Insulation*

Mr Hill, representing Kurnell community, was invited to update members on any progress regarding this issue. Mr Hill noted that for a number of years Ministers have acknowledged Kurnell's situation and have indicated support for some form of compensation for that area. Mr Hill noted the assistance of Mr Dave Southgate from the Department.

Mr Hill noted he had written to the Minister outlining a UNSW proposal for a study over 12 months involving 2 primary research staff and 1 postgraduate student. Mr Hill further noted that if the study was to be completed at UNSW's cost alone it would involve 1 postgraduate student and take 5 years. Mr Hill referred to correspondence from the Minister for Transport and Regional Services regarding the proposed project.

Mr Hill requested SACF to approach the Minister again in relation to providing funding for the project.

***Agenda Item 6.2 Action Item 38/06:** Chair to write to UNSW seeking clarification of the options provided to Mr Hill regarding the proposed study of aircraft noise impacts in Kurnell.*



***Agenda Item 6.2 Action Item 38/07:** SACF to write to the Minister seeking clarification in relation to Federal funding of a UNSW study of aircraft noise impacts in Kurnell.*

### **Agenda Item 7: Noise Monitoring**

The Chair noted that a request for noise monitoring in Petersham was received by the Secretariat and further information is being awaited.

### **Agenda Item 8: Standing Operational Reports**

#### *8.1 Standing Reports*

The Chair noted that a number of standing reports had been issued since the last meeting.

Mr Holroyd, representing Rockdale Council, suggested it would be useful for the Sydney Operational Statistics produced by Airservices Australia to include flight path movement information to the west, in particular departures to the right over Bardwell Park/Bexley North areas.

The Chair suggested that this request should be referred for discussion at IMC. Airservices Australia agreed to look at the request through that forum.

Mr Hill and Ms Patrinos also raised issues for amendments to information provided by Airservices Australia to be considered at IMC.

***Agenda Item 8.1 Action Item 38/08:** Proposals regarding modifications to reporting provided by Airservices Australia in monthly Sydney Operational Statistics referred to IMC for consideration.*

#### *8.2 Curfew Summary and Dispensation Reports*

Mr Hill indicated his disappointment about the number of acceptances of curfew breaches that appear to be getting more frequent.

It was noted that airlines are now more aware of curfew dispensation guidelines and airports/airlines are overcoming delays caused by new security arrangements. The Chair indicated support for the Forum to request the Department provide a consolidated view of curfew statistics covering the last 12 months.

Ms Addison agreed to provide statistics, however wished members to note that airlines are now more aware of the guidelines which has led to an overall decrease in the number of requests as well as requests that are likely to be rejected.

***Agenda Item 8.2 Action Item 38/09:** The Department to provide SACF with curfew dispensation acceptance and rejection statistics for 2003.*



## **Agenda Item 9: SACF Correspondence and Issues Raised by the Public**

### *9.1 SACF Correspondence*

#### Correspondence to the Chair

The Chair noted for information correspondence [*SACF Corr 2003/043*] from the Department concerning the Australian Business Aircraft Association's proposal of additions to the list of aircraft permitted to operate during curfew hours. The Chair indicated the matter would be discussed further following receipt of technical advice from Airservices Australia.

The Chair noted correspondence received from Ms Craig [*SACF Corr 2003/040*] and the response provided with the agenda papers [*SACF Corr 2003/045*].

The Chair noted the Minister's correspondence concerning the outcomes of the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting [*SACF Corr 2003/047*] provided with the updated agenda papers.

The Chair requested that BARA's correspondence [*refer SACF 2003/092*] held over from the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting, be noted and held over for discussion at the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Community Correspondence to SACF

The Chair noted a number of community issues raised including correspondence from Mr Lingard of SACF Inc. The Chair agreed to Mr Lingard's request for a copy of SACF's submission to SACL.

*Agenda Item 9.1 Action Item 38/10: SACF Inc. to be provided with a copy of SACF's submission to SACL on the preliminary draft Master Plan.*

The Chair noted correspondence from Mr and Mrs Patton from Belrose. Mr Clarke outlined the concerns raised regarding large aircraft overflights. He further noted the particular requests made by the Pattons:

1. remove the flight path from Bankstown Airport across Belrose;
2. remove turning area over Belrose/Hawksbury River (Mr Clarke noted this issue may be addressed by Task Force 3 in terms of high and wide considerations);
3. reduce the frequency of flights over Belrose;
4. ensure aircraft do not overfly Belrose lower than 6,000ft.

The Chair noted there were a number of aspects to these issues and acknowledged the relevance of Mr Clarke's reference to Task Force 3. The Chair further noted the LTOP Review Terms of Reference also appeared to cover some of the issues. The Chair advised that the LTOP Review Sub-Committee membership also allows comments from the communities they represent to be considered.

The Chair referred to the proposed teleconference to discuss tenders for the LTOP Review and suggested that the method by which community representation will be considered also be discussed at this time.



***Agenda Item 9.1 Action Item 38/11: LTOP Review Sub-Committee to discuss the method by which community representation will be considered at the proposed teleconference in early February 2004.***

Mr Balzola commented that some of the issues raised appeared to deal with aircraft outside controlled airspace and noted that may preclude them from being discussed through the LTOP Review Sub-Committee. Members resolved that the second item would be referred to Task Force 3 with the remaining issues referred to IMC.

***Agenda Item 9.1 Action Item 38/12: Mr and Mrs Patton's request for removal of the turning area over Belrose/Hawksbury River to be referred for discussion at Task Force 3.***

***Agenda Item 9.1 Action Item 38/13: Mr and Mrs Patton's request for a) removal of the flight path from Bankstown Airport across Belrose, b) reduction of the frequency of flights over Belrose, and c) ensure aircraft do not overfly Belrose lower than 6,000ft be referred to LTOP IMC.***

## 9.2 Community Advocate

The Chair noted the correspondence from Airservices Australia to the Department contained in the updated agenda papers and expressed some disappointment regarding the way the issue has been handled over the last few months.

Mr Grant indicated Airservices Australia agreed with Mr Clarke's proposal with the exception of the physical location of the position within the operations area. Mr Grant further clarified that Airservices' agreement included the suggestion that the position be funded from the Department of Transport and Regional Services.

Ms Addison advised that the Department's position regarding the remuneration issue was based upon discussions with Airservices Australia and Mr Clarke. Mr Grant confirmed that the Airservices Board position regarding funding had been communicated in these discussions. Mr Grant also noted the Community and airline industry position on funding. Ms Addison further noted that issues surrounding Airservices Australia's Corporatisation were currently being examined by an Inter-Departmental Committee the outcome of which may impact on current arrangements regarding the Ministerial Direction to Airservices.

The Chair expressed a desire for this issue to be progressed prior to the next scheduled meeting in March 2004. Mr Grant and Ms Addison agreed to meet in the week commencing 15 December to find a solution.

***Agenda Item 9.2 Action Item 38/14: DOTARS and Airservices Australia to progress the outstanding issues in relation to the Community Advocate position prior to the next SACF meeting in March 2004.***

## 9.3 Summary of Community Submissions

Ms Hoopman noted that one of the calls received from Hunters Hill [SACF 2003/124] on 14 November 2003 was forwarded to her office as the representative for that area in error as Bennelong no longer includes Hunters Hill. The Chair suggested that



Forum members should take a broad view regarding representation however acknowledged Ms Hoopman's point.

**Agenda Item 10: Date of Next Meeting**

The dates for meetings in 2004 have been tentatively set for:

Friday, 19 March

Friday, 11 June

Friday, 17 September

Friday, 10 December.

The meeting was closed at 11.30am.



### **Actions from the Meeting 12 December 2003**

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ATTACHMENT A: Attendance

**Members**

M Payne	Senator for NSW, Chair
R Balzola	Representing Mr J Murphy MP, Federal Member for Lowe
W Bennett	Board of Airline Representatives in Australia
J Clarke	Community member the Upper North Shore
C Connolly	Representing Mr R McClelland MP, Federal Member for Barton
S Hoopman	Representing Bennelong Community
K Hill	Community member for the Kurnell Community
S Holroyd	Community Member from Rockdale council
D Robinson	Representing Trevor Jensen, Qantas Airways
J May	Mayor of Lane Cove Council
M Megna	Representing Inner West Community
T Mumford	Representing the Hon B Baird MP, Federal Member for Cook
M Patrinos	Canterbury Residents Against Aircraft Noise
C Falvey	Sydney Airport Corporations Ltd



### **Advisers/Secretariat**

L Addison	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
D Savage	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
J Smidmore	Dept of Transport and Regional Services

T Grant	Airservices Australia
L Joynson	Airservices Australia
K McLean	Airservices Australia
J Peters	Airservices Australia

Glenn Stuart	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
Geoff Hudson	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd

### **Observers**

R & C Patton	Belrose residents
Angsa Fisher	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
H Knox	Overnight Airfreight Operators Association
A Sellick	Qantas