



**Sydney Airport
Community Forum**

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

Meeting 4/2009

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

9.00am to 12.00pm

Friday, 27 November 2009

SUMMARY RECORD

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members and nominees, noting apologies from the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Cr Jamie Parker, Cr Robert Furolo, the Hon Tony Burke MP, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, the Hon Peter Garrett MP, the Hon Frank Sator MP and Mr Warren Bennett.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Confirmation of Draft Meeting Summary Record

2.1 Meeting 3/2009 – 25 September 2009

The Summary Record from meeting 3/2009 was accepted with one amendment. Mr Rod Gilmour, Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) noted that Agenda Item 4.1 should read 15 June instead of 15 July.

Action Item 01/04: Meeting three Draft Summary Record to be amended at Agenda Item 4.1 to read 15 June instead of 15 July, in relation to the RESA.

2.2 Action Items arising from last meeting

Mr Derick Frere addressed Action Item 4.3. Questions were raised and considerable discussion surrounded the Aviation Community Advocate (ACA) position and the discontinuation of funding from the Australian Government. Mr Frere asked questions of the Department in regard to the position being administered through the *Aircraft Noise Levy Act 1995*, including suggested residual funds held by the Department since the levy collection closure in June 2006. Mr Dave Southgate advised the meeting that legal advice sought by the Department indicated that the funding of the ACA role through the Act would be illegal, and reiterated the Minister's position in regard to the Australian Government's budget constraints and unavailability of funds.

A list of questions posed by Mr Frere was tabled.

Action Item 02/04: The Department to provide written response to Derick Frere's questions regarding funding for the Aviation Community Advocate.

Penetrations of the Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) were discussed with Mr Rod Gilmour, SACL, advising that penetration of the OLS is not the fault of local councils. He advised that a number of parties are involved and that applications for construction around the airport are referred to SACL and are approved by the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government. Mr Peter Fitzgerald, representing the member for Botany Bay Council, confirmed that Botany Bay Council has never approved any building that penetrates the OLS.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Update on the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) project

3.1 Status Report on the RESA project – SACL

Mr Rod Gilmour, Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd (SACL) circulated a one page document and advised that the RESA Status Report 13 has been distributed to SACF members. He continued that phase one was completed on time on 15 June, the heritage listed sewer (the SWOOS) support structure was completed on 25 September 2009 with post tension stressing and that the



structure was successfully completed by 16 October 2009. On 30 October 2009 the RESA project complied with CASA's 90 x 90 metre requirement, which means that arrivals on the east-west runway from the west can now happen.

He continued that Modes 5, 7 and 14A are back in operation in the early morning and evening noise sharing periods, and have been used, weather permitting, since 1 November 2009.

The airport perimeter road works require that use of runway 07/25 is still restricted between 6am and 7am, however the runway is available during that time when cross winds prevail.

He continued that completion of Phase Two of the RESA is due on 1 April 2010 with practical completion by 30 April 2010. A revised construction plan has been submitted to the Department and SACF outlining some delays and the completion date remains under pressure should further delays persist.

SACL is in the process of considering comments on the Preliminary Draft Environmental Strategy before it submits its final draft to the Minister in January 2010.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Airservices Issues

4.1 Update on the noise over Cook and Lowe

Mr Richard Dudley advised Airservices is continuing to monitor the noise issue over the Cook and Lowe areas. He confirmed there has been more aircraft flying on a narrower band and an increase in traffic as a result of the RESA works. He stated that comparison data from a year and a half ago (to now) show that aircraft are generally flying between 5,000 and 7,000 feet.

A question regarding an outstanding action item from the last meeting was raised in regard to the reasons for the concentration on this flight path.

Action Item 03/04: Secretariat to circulate flight path maps over the Cook area to SACF members, on behalf of Airservices.

Action Item 04/04: Airservices to provide reasons for the concentration of the tracks on the flight path over Cook and Lowe to IMC and SACF at the next meetings.

Cr Ted Cassidy, member for Ashfield Council, noted his submission sent to the SACF Secretariat entitled the Community Noise Report Summer Hill. He requested that the Department and Airservices provide comment on the paper and that this be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Action Item 05/04: The Department and Airservices to provide comment on the Community Noise Report Summer Hill paper. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

4.2 Presentation on new technologies and the implications for noise sharing – Richard Dudley

Mr Richard Dudley, Airservices provided the meeting with a presentation on new technologies available in the airline industry and the implication these may have for the future concentration of flight paths.

Members expressed strong concerns about the potential for the new technology to lead to the loss of noise sharing. Discussion took place regarding the achievement of noise sharing over different areas in Sydney given the concentration of flight paths that may occur as a result of the new technologies. Questions were also raised in regard to the timing of the implementation of this technology. Mr Dudley advised the technology would be implemented over a five to ten year plan.

Action Item 06/04: Secretariat to circulate to SACF members Airservices' presentation on new technologies.

4.3 Mode 15 alternatives post RESA

Following on from previous SACF discussions, Mr Dudley advised there are no alternatives to Mode 15 other than Mode 9 and 14A that are already prescribed under the LTOP and the existing Modes provide better outcomes than Mode 15 can offer. He indicated that Mode 15 was only intended to be used during the RESA to maximise noise sharing.

As indicated at the previous SACF meeting permanent inclusion of Mode 15, as part of the LTOP, would require referral to the Environment Minister.

4.4 IMC Report – Community Representative

Mr Kevin Hill advised the last IMC meeting was on 10 October 2009, to which the former ACA Mr Tony Williams attended. Discussion at IMC surrounded Mode 15; the convergence of flight paths over the Richmond area; and the ongoing issues surrounding the concentration of flight paths.

Discussion also surrounded curfew landings over residential areas. Mr Hill noted that sleep disturbance issues were raised in a report by the World Health Organization which has been recently published. He believes that the report has a number of points for SACF and IMC to consider in order to stay abreast of world best practice measures.

Mr Hill advised the next IMC meeting is scheduled for 2 February 2010.

4.5 IMC Discussion - Rosebery

Mr Phillip Norman, the alternate representative for Heffron, raised correspondence on behalf of a constituent concerned about aircraft noise requesting a Portable Noise Monitor (PNM) be located in Rosebery. Airservices indicated that there is currently a queue for PNMs and advised it will inform the Department and SACF when one becomes available.

Action Item 07/04: Airservices Australia is to provide advice on the availability of Portable Noise Monitors and when one will be available for use in Rosebery.



AGENDA ITEM 5: Current Issues

5.1 Update from ANARCS subcommittee – Mr Kevin Hill

Mr Kevin Hill advised that due to not yet receiving any substantial feedback on the ANARCS proposal tabled at the last meeting, and his conflicting responsibilities, he has not yet been able to progress the proposal.

Action Item 08/04: Secretariat to email reminder to all SACF members and nominees to provide comment to Mr Kevin Hill on the ANARCS proposal.

5.2 Update on additional capacity issue for Sydney Airport - Department

Mr Dave Southgate, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, referred to the media statement released by Minister Albanese on 23 November 2009 and advised that the Federal and NSW State Governments will carry out a joint study into additional airport capacity for Sydney. The terms of reference will be announced in the White paper, which has been promised prior to Christmas.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Administrative Matters

7.1 Curfew Dispensation Report

The Forum noted and accepted the Curfew Dispensation Report.

7.2 SACF Correspondence

The Forum discussed correspondence received by SACF since the last meeting in regard to the use of Modes 9 & 15 and the ACA role. Ms Maria Patrinos, the community representative for the west, indicated she was very offended by comments made in the email correspondence about the community representatives on SACF.

Action Item 09/04: SACF Chair to reply to a Sydney resident's email regarding Modes 9, 15 and the Aviation Community Advocate role including;

- *An acknowledgement of her complaints;*
- *Information on the ongoing investigations through IMC in regard to noise sharing; and*
- *Addressing the tone of the correspondence and offence to SACF members.*

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AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

Mr Bob Hayes raised the issue of SACF's environmental management plan and noted that the submission period was missed by SACF. Questions were raised and discussion surrounded how SACF will keep abreast of similar issues related to SACF. It was agreed that the Secretariat would establish a 'Calendar of Events' for SACF to track and respond to relevant issues. Members will be asked to assist with keeping the calendar current.

***Action Item 10/04:** SACF Secretariat is to create for future use a 'Calendar of Events' to include all significant SACF related dates and reports for 2010.*

Ms Mary O'sullivan noted the fluidity of representation at SACF meeting and requested that an outline of terms and acronyms be circulated by the SACF Secretariat in order to assist SACF members engage in discussions at meetings. Further, Airservices invited all members and their nominees to visit the Airservices office at Sydney Airport in order to gain a better understanding of the airport's operations.

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AGENDA ITEM 8: Date of next meeting

The next meeting of SACF will be held in Friday 19 February 2010.



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ATTENDANCE

Members

B. Cotter	Chair, Community Representative for the North
M. Patrinos	Community representative for the West
K. Hill	Community Representative for the South
T. Fasanella	Representing the Member for Lowe
D. Frere	Representing the Member for Bradfield
S. Morgan	Representing the Member for Barton
B. Hayes	Representing the Member for North Sydney
E. Wulff	Representing the Member for Bennelong
P. Norman	Representing the Member for Heffron
T. Loveday	Representing the Member for Cook
D. Cobley-Finch	Representing the Federal Member for Sydney
M. O'Sullivan	Representing the State Member for Marrickville
T. Nardone	Representing the State Member for Sydney
P. Fitzgerald	Representing the Mayor of Botany Bay Council
K. Schreiber	Representing the Mayor of Sutherland Shire
T. Cassidy	Mayor of Ashfield
E. Tsardoulis	Representing the Mayor of Marrickville Council
S. McArdle	Representing the Mayor of Leichhardt
R. Edney	Member for the Australian Airline Industry
R. Gilmour	Representing Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd

Department of Infrastructure

D. Southgate	Head, Aviation Environment Policy Section
J. Connor	Aviation Environment Policy Section, Secretariat
P. McCrudden	Head, APEC and International Coordination Section
D. Barbar	Minister's Office

Advisers

R. Dudley	Airservices Australia
R. Lee	Airservices Australia
P. Carroll	Airservices Australia
K. Alcott	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd.
J. Chan	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
T. Plummer	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
H. Knox	Overnight Airfreight Operators Association

Observers

T. Williams	Former Aviation Community Advocate
M. Sansom	Inner West Courier



K. Banfield Office of Marrickville Council

M. Van Der
Windt Brisbane Airport

A. Rees Community member

Apologies

R. Furolo Mayor of Canterbury

T. Burke Member for Watson

M. Turnbull Member for Wentworth

P. Garret Member for Kingsford Smith

F. Sator Member for Rockdale

W. Bennett Representing the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia