



**Sydney Airport
Community Forum**

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

Meeting 1/2010

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

9.00am to 12.00pm

Friday, 19 February 2010

SUMMARY RECORD



AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

The Chair opened the meeting and formally made mention that it was Maureen Ellis' last meeting. The Chair thanked Maureen on behalf of the forum for her contribution, both to the Forum and the public service.

The Draft Agenda for meeting 1/2010 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Confirmation of Draft Meeting Summary Record

2.1 Meeting 3/2009 – 25 September 2009

The Chair indicated that in his view Summary Records should be a brief outline of the discussions and a record of decisions. On this basis, the meeting agreed not to accept a number of detailed proposed amendments to the Summary Record from meeting 4/2009. This Summary Record was accepted with one amendment – the addition of Mr Damian Cobley-Finch to the attendance list.

Action Item 01/01: Meeting four 2009 Draft Summary Record accepted with one amendment to show that D. Cobley-Finch, representing the Federal Member for Sydney, attended.

2.2 Action Items arising from last meeting

The list of Action Items arising from the last meeting were noted. Action Item 02/04 was discussed as to whether the Department's response to Mr Frere answered all his questions.

Action Item 02/01: John Clarke to consult further with Derick Frere re questions regarding funding for the Aviation Community Advocate.

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) advised that the RESA Status Reports 14, 15 and 16 had been distributed to SACF members by email. He continued that phase two was well under way and the RESA surface had been completed.

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 phase 2 completion milestone date of 1 April 2010 remains unchanged at this stage, however it does remain under pressure should further delays be incurred for any reason, particularly weather or unforeseen circumstances.

A letter box drop will be conducted once the second phase milestone has been reached. This Letter Box drop will inform approximately 100,000 households in Sydney.



AGENDA ITEM 4: Airservices Issues

4.1 Update on noise over Cook and Lowe - Airservices

Mr Richard Dudley advised Airservices is continuing to monitor the noise issue over the Cook and Lowe areas. He confirmed that aircraft are flying on a narrower band and that there had been an increase in traffic as a result of the RESA works.

Mr Scott Morrison, Federal Member for Cook, raised a number of issues. In particular he pressed for consideration to be given to examining how new technology can be used to avoid the concentration of flight paths.

Questions were raised about the height of the aircraft on the concentrated flight path and also about the predictions that had been contained in the environmental assessment of the flight path prior to its introduction.

Members stressed the need to find ways to address the current situation. It was agreed that this issue would be examined further in the IMC.

Action Item 03/01: Flight paths over Cook and Lowe to be considered by the IMC and to report back to SACF before meeting 02/10.

4.2 SACF submission to Senate Enquiry into Airservices management of aircraft noise - Chair

SACF has been granted an extension to lodge the submission no later than 5 March 2010. A draft has been prepared and sent to members.

The meeting agreed that comments would be sought from all members on the proposed draft. Comments should be sent through the Secretariat to coordinate. The SACF Chair, Mr Barry Cotter and the community representatives on the IMC, Mr Kevin Hill and Mr John Clarke, undertook to 'fine tune' the draft for lodgement no later than 5 March 2010.

Action Item 04/01: Finalisation of the SACF submission to the Senate Enquiry into Airservices Management of Aircraft Noise to be carried out by the Chair and the community representatives on the IMC. Comments to be coordinated through the Secretariat.

It was also noted that Airservices has developed a draft Community consultation protocol. SACF members indicated they would like the opportunity to comment on the draft before it is issued as a formal document.

Action Item 05/01: Airservices to examine the possibility of SACF commenting on the draft community consultation document before the final is released.

4.3 IMC Report - Community Representative

Mr Kevin Hill advised that the 34 STARS are still under discussion and that a number of issues remain unresolved. He indicated that IMC is continuing to look for a mode change advisory tool which could assist air traffic controllers in runway mode choice to optimise noise sharing.

Overflights of the suburbs during the curfew is another issue currently under examination – ways to avoid this are being actively discussed.

There have been extended discussions about noise concentration in the Richmond area resulting from the design of the Richmond SID. While the aircraft are at an altitude of around 10,000 feet there is pressure to avoid the current concentration. No feasible solutions to this problem have yet been identified.

4.4 Availability of Noise Monitors in Rosebery – Airservices

Requests for noise monitoring have been made by some residents of Rosebery. As an alternative to using a portable monitor, Airservices advised the Forum that it is proposing to extend the range of the existing Eastlakes noise monitor to also capture the Rosebery area. It is hoped that this will be done by the end of April 2010.

Airservices also indicated that in response to demands from many places in Australia it has doubled the number of portable noise monitors it has available for temporary and short term monitoring. Permanent monitors are being replaced as part of the Webtrack update and a general upgrading of the Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System.

4.5 Update on the Department and Airservices joint study into new technology – Airservices

This study has been set up to examine the potential for introducing new navigation technologies in a way that can assist noise sharing. The Terms of Reference for this study are now being finalised. Members expressed a strong interest in being given the opportunity to comment on the draft terms of reference before they are sent to the Minister.

Action Item 06/01: Letter to Minister Albanese seeking approval for SACF to consider the draft Terms of Reference on the Department and Airservices joint study into new technology before they are sent to the Minister.

4.6 LTOP implementation - Airservices

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Mr Bob Hayes, who has concerns about the implementation of LTOP.

Mr Dudley indicated that 29 of the 31 LTOP recommendations have been implemented. The two remaining elements are the high and wide (recommendation two) and the Trident (recommendation 17).

There was some detailed discussion on the reasons for these two recommendations having not been implemented. In particular some members raised questions about the non implementation of the 'High and Wide' arrival airspace structure.

Airservices indicated it would be happy to look at Mr Hayes' letter from November 2006 and respond to any unanswered queries.

Action Item 7/01: Airservices to respond to issues raised by Bob Hayes.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Current Issues

5.1 Update from ANARCS subcommittee – Mr Kevin Hill

Discussion revolved around how to move forward on the proposal and what else was needed before it is submitted to the Minister. Members expressed strong interest in any outstanding monies collected under the Noise Levy Act being made available for expenditure on projects related to aircraft noise generated by Sydney Airport.

Following extended debate the Forum resolved:

- That SACF requests the Minister support that moneys collected under the Aircraft noise Levy Collections Act be retained for the use of one or a series of noise amelioration measures; and
- SACF to recommend noise amelioration measures the money is to be spent on.

Action Item 8/01: The Chair to write to Minister Albanese requesting that Sydney Noise Levy Act money already collected be held for future noise amelioration programs.

It was agreed that the Department would assist Mr Hill to develop the current draft paper into a form suitable for submission to the Minister.

Action Item 9/01: ANARCS paper to be sent to Department for guidance on layout before sending paper to Minister Albanese.

5.2 National Aviation White Paper initiatives update - Department

Ms Maureen Ellis gave a comprehensive summary of the National Aviation White Paper which was launched at the National Press Club on 16 December 2009 by Minister Albanese. It launched over 130 initiatives including a commitment to make no changes to current curfew arrangements and to work toward a national land use planning regime around airports and under busy flight paths.

The White paper contains a Government commitment to establish community consultation forums at all major capital airports. SACF will continue as the chief consultative body on the management of aircraft noise for the Sydney area.

Other areas of special interest to SACF are the establishment of the planning taskforce for identifying the additional aviation capacity for the Sydney region and the establishment of the new Aircraft Noise Ombudsman.

A number of the initiatives were discussed and the forum resolved to write to the Minister to indicate its special interest in the Aviation Ombudsman and the study into extra aviation capacity in the Sydney region.

Action Item 10/01: Chair to write to Minister Albanese indicating the Forum's interest in the Aviation Ombudsman and the Sydney region aviation capacity study.

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. The Chair raised the correspondence received by Scott Morrison in relation to two particular incidents about aircraft noise. One was a flight over Sydney just prior to 6am on 17 February 2010 and the other where an aircraft flew over at 3am. The Chair noted that these flights do not breach the Sydney Airport Curfew Act, however there is a need to minimise flights over the suburbs at night. It was also noted that this issue is being discussed at IMC.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business**6.1 Calendar of upcoming events**

The calendar of upcoming events should be posted on the SACF website and coordinated through the Secretariat. Members were asked to keep the Secretariat updated of any future events that may be of interest to SACF.

Action Item 12/01: Calendar of events to be added to the SACF website and updated within one week after each meeting. Additions to be emailed to Secretariat.

The list of acronyms remains an outstanding Action Item which was identified in meeting four of 2009. The list will benefit all those involved in SACF. Mr Dudley, Airservices discussed that Airservices is looking at developing material to use in public education about the aviation industry. Airservices also reiterated that the offer still stands for SACF members to visit its facilities in Sydney.

Action Item 11/01: The Secretariat will email members re Airservices offer.

A book of acronyms is being developed by Airservices. The Department is also putting together a booklet of basic acronyms. It may be possible to consolidate these in the future.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Date of next meeting

The next meeting of SACF will be held on 21 May 2010



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ATTENDANCE

Members

B.	Cotter	Chair, Community Representative for the North
K.	Hill	Community Representative for the South
D.	Cobley-Finch	Representing the Federal Member for Sydney
P.	Norman	Representing the Member for Heffron
J.	Patterson	Representing the Mayor of Botany Bay
T.	Fasanella	Representing the Member for Lowe
S.	Moirrision	Member for Cook
K.	Scott-Murphy	Representing the Member for Watson
L.	Kelly	Mayor of Sutherland Shire
S.	Morgan	Representing the Member for Barton
M.	O'Sullivan	Representing the State Member for Marrickville
T.	Clapper	Representing the Member for Rockdale
J.	Clarke	Representing the Member for Bradfield
B.	Hayes	Representing the Member for North Sydney
T.	Cassidy	Mayor of Ashfield
R.	Gilmour	Representing Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
R.	Edney	Member for the Australian Airline Industry
W.	Bennett	Representing the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia
J.	Patterson	Representing the Mayor of Botany Bay Council

Department of Infrastructure

M.	Ellis	General Manager, Aviation Environment Branch
D.	Southgate	Head, Aviation Environment Policy Section
M.	De La Motte	Aircraft Noise Management Section, Secretariat
D.	Barbar	Minister's Office

Advisers

R.	Dudley	Airservices Australia
M.	Rodwell	Airservices Australia
J.	Cheng	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd.
T.	Plumber	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
H.	Knox	Overnight Airfreight Operators Association

Observers

T.	Williams	Former Aviation Community Advocate
K.	Simmonds	ABC news
K.	Banfield	Office of Marrickville Council
A.	Rees	Community member



Apologies

M.	Patrinos	Community representative for the West
M.	Turnbull	Member for Wentworth
P.	Garret	Member for Kingsford Smith
J.	Parker	Mayor of Leichhardt
R.	Furolo	Mayor of Canterbury
C.	Tebbutt	Mayor of Marrickville
C.	Moore	Mayor of Sydney
M.	McKew	Member for Bennelong
F.	Sator	Member for Rockdale