SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

Meeting 2/2010

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

9.00am to 12.00pm

Friday, 21 May 2010

SUMMARY RECORD

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked the Hon Anthony Albanese, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, for attending this SACF meeting. The Chair also welcomed Mr Scott Stone, who has taken over from Maureen Ellis as the Department's representative.

The Minister made presentation on:

- The Runway End Safety Area project;
The Minister spoke about how this project was an example of this Government and the Airport working at its best. The airport applied best practice to ensure the conditions imposed by the Minister such as to ensure the impact on the community was minimal were implemented.

- New regulations to restrict the operation of noisy, older jets at Sydney Airport;
From September 1 2010 older, noisy jet aircraft such as Boeing 727s will be banned from Australia's major airports. This will minimise the impact of aircraft noise on nearby communities.

- Airservices Aircraft Noise Ombudsman;
Airservices is in the process of establishing the noise ombudsman office. This position will oversee the noise complaints process and Airservices' provision of information to the community. This office is expected to be in place in the second half of this year.

- The Long Term Operating Plan;
The Government is committed to LTOP targets and full runway operations now give the potential to improve performance against these targets. Recent performance has been encouraging and this will continue to be a priority for Airservices

- Required Navigation Performance;
RNP has the potential to better manage noise and emissions impacts of aircraft though more precise control of aircraft flight paths. Careful investigation of where these technologies can be used to direct flights over less noise-sensitive areas like water and industrial areas, or to share noise more equitably is required. In Sydney, RNP would only be used where it assists in implementing LTOP.

- Aviation Strategic Plan for the Sydney region;
The Government has announced $8.5 million for the aviation strategic plan for the Sydney region. The plan will identify potential sites for a second Sydney airport, the additional road and rail infrastructure that will be required and investment strategies that will deliver this additional capacity. This will be an integrated study with NSW.

- The SACF community Advocate; and
The Minister recognises the arguments for the ACA position to continue, however the position was only funded for two years by the previous Government and the current Government is unable to provide further funding for this position. All SACF members should consider themselves community advocates.

The Draft Agenda for meeting 2/2010 was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 2:   Confirmation of Draft Summary Record of the 19 February 2010 meeting

2.1   Meeting 1/2010 – 19 February 2010 – Discussion of current draft

The Chair noted that two amendments were requested. The amendment from Mr Banfield, Representative of Marrickville Council, was to amend the attendance/ apologies list as it was incorrect. This was adopted.

The requested amendment from Mr Hayes, representing North Sydney, requesting changes to Agenda item 4.6 (LTOP implementation) was not adopted.

Action Item 01/02 – Secretariat to amend attendance list of Summary Record to reflect Mr Banfield's requested change.

2.2   Action Items arising from last meeting

The Action Items arising from the last meeting were noted.

Action Item 02/01 continues to be outstanding. The Department is to draft a response to Mr Frere. (now becomes **Action Item 02/02**).

Action item 07/01 continues to be outstanding. Airservices to follow up the response (now becomes **Action item 03/02**).

AGENDA ITEM 3:   Final update on the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) Project

3.1   Status report on the RESA project – SACL

3.2   General discussion

The RESA project is now complete and all reports have been circulated to SACF members. Since the completion of the RESA project, complaint's had increased from the communities living under the 07/25 flight path which coincided with the reopening of the runway. SACL conducted a letterbox drop of information on the completion of RESA.

Mode 15 is no longer being used. It is possible the community may confuse the use of Mode 9 to that of the previously used Mode 15 in some circumstances.

SACL presented other initiatives that the airport were working on such as the bus system and recycled water initiatives.

Runways need to be resurfaced every 8-10 years. SACL will be resurfacing the main north-south runway (16R/ 34L), during the curfew period. More detail will be provided closer to the proposed time of resurfacing.

SACL will continue to report to SACF members the projects that are coming up at Sydney Airport. SACL would send members a copy of the May 2010 report. A report from SACL will become a standing item for future meetings.

The International terminal upgrade finishes in June 2010.

Action item 04/02 – SACL to send the Secretariat the Sydney Airport May 2010 report and for Secretariat to distribute to members.

AGENDA ITEM 4:   Airservices Issues

4.1   Update on the noise over Cook and Lowe – Airservices

Scott Morrison, Member for Cook continues to seek data from Airservices for a comparison of the data pre and post RESA project. Mr Morrison will write to the Minister detailing his request.

Analysis was tabled during IMC showing a variation of tracks as a result of changes that were implemented. Aircraft are using a manual flight waypoint instead of the navigated waypoint. Mr Morrison pointed out that although some are not getting the noise that was happening with BOREE 4, there are now others getting noise that were not getting it before.

Airservices will continue looking at the noise issues over the Cook/Lowe area. A report from Airservices was presented to IMC on the 34 STAR and BOREE 4. John Clarke indicated that this report was not in a form expected.

John Clarke to clarify through IMC the content required. Once clarified a report will be presented to SACF members as part of Action Item 03/01 from the meeting of 19 February 2010.

Action Item 05/02 – Airservices to report back to SACF on 34 STAR and BOREE 4.

Mr John Clarke, representative for the Member for Bradfield, asked for the comparison of what has actually transpired during the RESA project compared to what the environmental impact statement said.

Action Item 06/02 – Mr Clarke to write to Airservices requesting exactly what information he requires.

4.2   IMC Report - Community Representative

Two IMC meetings have been held since 19 February 2010. IMC discussed variable flight paths such as RNP & RNAV and will continue to do so to ensure that it is of assistance to the community.

At the most recent IMC meeting, curfew period overflights were discussed as there had been concern of the number of aircraft flying during the curfew period. Airservices were able to clarify that all flights of concern were emergency flights, which have exemption under the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995*.

There were concerns for the Australand development at Kurnell, which is under a 24 hour flight path. This flight path, over Botany Bay, is the only current flight path that doesn't fly over residential communities. Mr Peter Fitzgerald mentioned a stimulus development at Mascot. Members of SACF all agreed that new residential development areas should not be established under already created flight paths. It may cause flight paths to be moved over other areas and create noise to communities that do not suffer now.

Mr Fitzgerald expressed concern on the role of the IMC as it has not been reformed or recast. There needs to be consideration as to IMC's role and oversight by SACF.

Action item 07/02 - Department develop a paper describing:
- **the role of IMC;**
- **the original role of the IMC;**
- **recent IMC role and tasks; and**
- **IMC reporting arrangements to SACF**

- *Airservices Program for Required Navigation Performance-RNP- Airservices*

Airservices ran through a shortened presentation on RNP which was presented at IMC. This technology can allow aircraft to manoeuvre over water and non-residential areas instead of over communities due to the precise flight paths. SACF members expressed concern that noise concentration should be avoided. The new technology should be used in Sydney under LTOP practices and be used to help spread the noise. Airservices reiterated that RNP would not be implemented without further consultation.

Airservices noted that they will be working with CASA to address aspects of the document released by CASA conducted by PBM, which was circulated to members to ensure factual and up to date information is available.

4.3 *Update on the Terms of Reference on the Department and Airservices joint study into new technology – Airservices*

The Terms of Reference have been drafted by the Department and Airservices and circulated at the meeting for comment. The scope for the joint study is for implementation Australia wide, not just Sydney.

Concerns were raised about how Sydney Airport is different from other capital city airports and that Sydney should be singled out to have its own study. The Department pointed out that this is a scoping study at this stage and the Terms of Reference make reference that Sydney is very different to other airports in Australia and thus would be taken into account when doing the study. However it was also referenced that this study is to look at new technologies, such as RNP-AR Australia wide. Regular reporting would be given to IMC and SACF.
SACF resolved to send the draft Terms of Reference to the Minister for consideration.

4.4 *General discussion*
- *Including Mode 15, the Airservices Australia "Communication and Consultation Protocol"; and Airservices Australia "Environmental Principles and Procedures" document.*

This Agenda item was not discussed and will carry over to Meeting 3.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Current Issues
5.1 *Update from ANARCS subcommittee – Mr Kevin Hill*

This Agenda item was not discussed and will carry over to Meeting 3.

*5.2   SACF submission to Senate Enquiry into Airservices management of aircraft noise –
discussion*

The SACF Submission was sent to the Committee on 5 March 2010.   Mr Barry Cotter (Chair of SACF), Mr Kevin Hill (Community representative for the South) and Mr John Clarke (representative for the Member of Bradfield) would attend the scheduled hearing in Sydney on 28 May 2010.

5.3   Update on Joint Study into Sydney Aviation Capacity – Department

This Agenda item was not discussed and will carry over to Meeting 3.

AGENDA ITEM 6:   Other Business

6.1   Calendar of upcoming events – Nil added

6.2   Airservices invitation to visit facilities in Sydney - Airservices

This Agenda item was not discussed and will carry over to Meeting 3, however the visit to the Airservices facilities may be undertaken in July August 2010.

AGENDA ITEM 7:   Administrative Matters

7.1   Curfew Dispensation Report

7.2   SACF Correspondence

7.3   SACF Phone line

7.4   SACF Web site

This Agenda item was not discussed and will carry over to Meeting 3.

AGENDA ITEM 8:   Date of Next Meeting.

This was not discussed, however the Secretariat would like to suggest Friday 20 August 2010.

Action Items Arising from Meeting 2 – 21 May 2010

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ATTENDANCE

Members

B.	Cotter	Chair, Community Representative for the North
K.	Hill	Community Representative for the South
J.	Murphy	Member for Lowe
D.	Cobley-Finch	Representing the Federal Member for Sydney
P.	Norman	Representing the Member for Heffron
P.	Fitzgerald	Representing the Mayor of Botany Bay
J.	Clarke	Representing the Member for Bradfield
B.	Hayes	Representing the Member for North Sydney
T.	Cassidy	Mayor of Ashfield
S.	Morrison	Member for Cook
S.	Morgan	Representing the Member for Barton
T.	Nardone	Representing the Mayor of Sydney
K.	Pasterfield	Representing the Member for Kingsford-Smith
M.	O'Sullivan	Representing the State Member for Marrickville
T.	Clapper	Representing the Member for Rockdale
B.	Notley-Smith	Representing the Member for Wentworth
R.	Gilmour	Representing Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
R.	Edney	Member for the Australian Airline Industry

Department of Infrastructure

S.	Stone	General Manager, Aviation Environment Branch
A.	Sutherland	Head, Aircraft Noise Management Section
M.	De La Motte	Aircraft Noise Management Section, Secretariat
A.	Sachs	Minister's Office
D.	Barbar	Minister's Office
F.	Graham	Minister's Office

Advisers

M.	Rodwell	Airservices Australia
P.	Carroll	Airservices Australia
J.	Cheng	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd.
T.	Plummer	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd

Observers

M.	Wiley	Brisbane Airport
A.	Sellick	Qantas Airways
P.	Broschofsky	Qantas Airways
D.	White	Virgin Blue
K.	McNamara	Community Member
T.	Loveday	Office of the Member for Cook
J.	Patterson	Office of the Mayor of Botany Bay
T.	Williams	Community Member
K.	Magann	ABC news

A.	Rees	Community member
H.	Knox	Overnight Airfreight Operators Association
M.	Papadakis	St.George and Sutherland Shire Leader

Apologies

L.	Kelly	Mayor of Sutherland Shire
M.	Patrinos	Community representative for the West
T.	Burke	Member for Watson
J.	Parker	Mayor of Leichhardt
R.	Furolo	Mayor of Canterbury
M.	McKew	Member for Bennelong
S.	Iskandar	Mayor of Marrickville
W.	Bennett	Representing the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia