



**Sydney Airport
Community Forum**

Meeting 3/2010

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

9.00am to 12.00pm

Friday, 19 November 2010

SUMMARY RECORD

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

The Chair welcomed new members and nominees:

- Paul Fletcher MP the Member for Bradfield;
- Peter Bardos, representing the Member for Bennelong;
- Bruce Notley-Smith representing the Member for Wentworth;
- John Woods representing Community Representative Maria Patrinos;
- Ingo Koernicke representing Sutherland Shire Council; and,
- Fiona Byrne the new Mayor of Marrickville.

The Chair noted that a letter from the Minister regarding breaches of the Sydney Airport movement cap was being circulated, and that this issue would be added to the agenda.

It was noted that a number of items that were deferred at the last meeting were not on the agenda and it was agreed that:

- Mr Stone from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport would address the Joint Study into New Technologies at this meeting.
- The Airservices Australia Communications and Consultation Protocol be circulated to members and included on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
- The ANARCS Subcommittee report would be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Item 01/03 - The Airservices Australia Communications and Consultation protocol to be circulated to members and included on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Action Item 02/03 – The ANARCS report to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting

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

It was noted that Action Item 02/02 in the Draft Summary Record circulated in the meeting papers was amended in error and that the prior wording would be reinstated. It was agreed that the wording in the original Action Item would be reinstated and that the Department would write directly to Mr Frere to respond to his queries.

The Summary Record was confirmed subject to this change.

Action Item 03/03 – The Secretariat will amend Summary Record to reinstate the wording of Action Item 02/02 in the circulated draft.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Sydney Airport Report

Mr Gilmour presented the Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) report to the Forum.

Approval has been obtained to undertake resurfacing of the main North-South Runway during curfew hours. The major impact will be that take-offs to the south will begin further to the North than usual.

Sydney Airport was named as Australia's Capital City Airport of the Year.

The Runway End Safety Area project has won the Infrastructure Projects award at the Engineers Association of NSW, and is a finalist in the national awards. A number of new air services have come to Sydney, including the regional airline Brindabella Airlines, servicing the mining industry at Cobar.

SACL has made a recommendation to the Sutherland Shire Council that a statement about aircraft noise exposure be included in advice to potential residents in the Australand development in the Kurnell sand hills. This hasn't been accepted and further discussions are planned.

SACL is hosting the inaugural meeting of the Airport's Planning Coordination Forum to strengthen its relationship with state and local governments in relation to planning matters.

SACL's water recycling plant at the international terminal has been operating for 12 months and has saved an estimated 550 kilolitres of drinking water a day. For the first time passenger numbers for the September quarter averaged 100,000 passengers a day. This is within the forecast set out in the Sydney Airport Master Plan.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Airservices Issues

4.1 Update on the noise over Cook and Reid

Mr Clarke sought advice from Airservices in relation to a number of questions about aircraft movements over the Cook and Reid electorates at the 21 September meeting of the Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC). Mr Clarke agreed to put these questions on hold pending Airservices' response to a series of similar questions posed by the Shire Environmental Aircraft Noise Action Group (SEANAG). The Forum was advised that a meeting between Minister Albanese, Scott Morrison MP and the Airservices CEO, raised a number of broadly similar questions. The answers to these questions require significant analysis and Airservices proposes to frame the analysis in such a way that it can be used to provide answers to all of these questions early in 2011.

A request was made that Airservices deal with requests for information from SACF members on an equal basis to requests from Ministers and Members of Parliament.

It was reported that at the meeting with Mr Morrison, the Minister and Airservices were asked about the BOREE 4 flight path being used during the morning shoulder periods and were asked to address this issue. Airservices advised that during the morning shoulder period, the BOREE 4 flight path was used around once a day ahead of the change of runways leading into the morning peak period, and that aircraft operating at this time use routes over water whenever possible.

Action Item 04/03 – Airservices to provide a response to questions asked by Mr Scott Morrison and SEANAG about aircraft movements over Sutherland.

The Chair circulated a letter from Minister Albanese formally advising SACF that he had tabled reports in Parliament advising that the maximum aircraft movement limit at Sydney Airport of 80 movements per hour had been exceeded on seven occasions in the second and third quarters of 2010.

The Minister has instructed Airservices and the Department to investigate and implement measures to mitigate the risk of further breaches of the cap in the future.

Action item 05/03 - Secretariat to advise the Forum of any developments relating to the management of the slot scheme.

4.2 IMC Report

Mr Hill advised that there have been three IMC meetings since the last SACF meeting, covering a range of issues, including aircraft deviations from LTOP flight paths when departing from runway 34L; LTOP principles; the Airservices Communication and Consultation Protocol; runway 34L STARS; Required Navigation performance (RNP); the Instrument Landing System (ILS) replacement program; the 80 movement cap; night time noise; SODPROPS and the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman.

It was noted that a number of new members may be unfamiliar with the acronyms being used and it was agreed to circulate a list of acronyms and their meanings.

There appears to be an increase in aircraft departing from runway 34L and continuing on the runway heading instead of turning left towards Richmond. This occurs when heavy long haul jets request permission to continue straight ahead in order to avoid conflict with Bankstown Airport traffic. IMC has requested further information on the incidence of this flight pattern. Qantas submitted a paper to the last IMC meeting on the limitations of aircraft performance under varying conditions, which the Committee found useful.

Mr Hill noted that while performance based navigation technology including RNP can be used to reduce noise by using curved flight paths and directing flight paths over water, it can also result in a significant narrowing of flight paths, and hence concentration of noise.

Airservices advised that it is rolling out RNP nationally, but it will not be introduced in Sydney until it can be implemented in accordance with LTOP.

The Chair noted that a Joint Study into New Technologies was proposed to consider how technologies like RNP can be implemented in a way that contributes to noise sharing. Mr Stone provided a brief update on this study, noting that the Minister had received the terms of reference for the study and that the Minister's position is that RNP will only be introduced in Sydney where it can contribute to better noise sharing. Airservices is currently preparing a plan for the national implementation of RNP that will include consultation processes and technical issues.

The program to replace the Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Sydney Airport will take about 8 months, and while the ILS equipment is being replaced aircraft will use RNAV approaches which are very similar to those used on ILS approaches. Airservices advised that there should be no impact on the community.

Action Item 06/03 – Secretariat to circulate a list of aviation acronyms for the benefit of new members.

Action Item 07/03 – Secretariat to circulate the Qantas paper on the limitations of aircraft performance.

IMC Role

In response to a request from SACF, the Department drafted a short paper (Attachment 4.2 at page 15 of the Agenda Papers) on the role of IMC. Mr Stone reported that the IMC was initially set up by a Ministerial Direction in 1997 as part the body for consulting on the setting up and monitoring of LTOP. Concern was expressed that while the IMC is generally operating in accordance with its terms of reference the Committee does consider issues that are outside the scope of its brief.

Airservices put the view that the role of IMC includes monitoring the distribution of noise and flight paths; providing monthly reports on noise monitoring on the Airservices website; commenting on any potential changes to procedures under LTOP; and providing oversight of any specific studies that take place. Airservices believes that the IMC has evolved over time, and welcomes discussion with the Department on ways to re-focus the role of the IMC. It was agreed that the Department and Airservices will report back to SACF on this issue.

Mr Hill put the view that IMC is an important forum for discussing technical issues, and it enables the community representatives to help SACF understand the technical issues involved in the implementation of LTOP.

During discussions it was suggested that it may be beneficial if there was greater clarity over the terms used to describe flight paths – currently the term 'flight path' covers both routes that are rarely used, and those that are used hundreds of times a day.

Action Item 08/03 – The Department, Airservices, IMC Community Representatives and Mr Fitzgerald to discuss the role of the IMC and report back to SACF.

4.3 General discussion

These was discussion on the use of Modes 9 and 10 and Airservices was asked to look at the use of these Modes to establish whether any factors other than seasonal factors determine the choice of mode use, and to identify times when either mode could have been used.

Concerns were expressed about the high number of complaints Councils, and the Heffron Electorate Office, had received about noise over Tempe, and whether other agencies had noted a similar high number of complaints. Airservices advised that comprehensive data on noise complaints was published every month in the Sydney Airport Operational Statistics reports at: <http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/projectsservices/reports/saos.asp?id=2010>

Action item 09/03 – Airservices to look at the use of Mode 9 and Mode 10 to establish whether any factors other than seasonal factors determine the choice of mode use, and to identify times when either mode could have been used.

Action item 10/03 – The Secretariat to routinely circulate Airservices Australia’s Sydney Airport Operational Statistics Reports.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Current Issues

5.1 Update on Joint Study into Sydney Aviation Capacity

Mr Stone noted that in the Aviation White Paper released in December 2009 the Government announced a joint study with the NSW Government to look at future aviation capacity for the Sydney region to identify possible future airport sites; to consider land transport infrastructure and planning issues; and to develop an aviation strategic plan for the region. The steering committee for this study has had a number of meetings and will report back to Government by the middle of 2011. The Government has also allocated \$20 million for a study of high speed rail.

5.2 Work on the National Airport Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG)

Mr Stone drew the Forum’s attention to the area in the Aviation White Paper relating to land use planning and Airports. Changes in the planning measures in the Airports Act have been introduced into Parliament to respond to concerns that on-airport planning isn’t sufficiently integrated with state and local government off-airport planning.

By the same token, the White Paper emphasised that off-airport planning should recognise that there are operational aspects that need to be taken into account in planning in the vicinity of airports.

A group including State and Territory planning and transport officials has been established to report on a number of issues including safeguarding airports from new developments which would expose residents to unacceptable levels of aircraft noise, or impose operational constraints on airports due to the height of buildings.

There are already Commonwealth regulations on planning around airports and the aim is to better integrate those with state and territory planning regulations. There is interest in developing additional noise metrics to provide better information on noise exposure around airports for planners and prospective residents.

5.3 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman

Mr Stone provided the meeting with an update on the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman position which was a commitment given by the Minister in the Aviation White Paper.

The ANO, Mr Ron Brent, started in the position on 1 September 2010 to oversee the handling of noise enquiries and complaints; to conduct independent reviews of noise complaints handling; and to make recommendations for improvements where necessary.

Mr Brent was unable to attend this meeting, but he is keen to meet with SACF and will be invited to address the first meeting in 2011.

Action item 11/03 – Secretariat to invite the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman to participate in the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Other Business

There was no other business.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Administrative Matters

7.1 Curfew Dispensation Report

It was noted that the consequences for an operator when a curfew dispensation is denied are serious and may involve significant costs.

7.2 SACF Correspondence

Noted

7.3 SACF Phone line

Noted

AGENDA ITEM 8: Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the first meeting of 2011 will be held on Friday 25 February 2011.

Action Items arising from Meeting 3, 19 November 2010

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Action Item 06/03 – Secretariat to circulate a list of aviation acronyms for the benefit of new members.	Done
Action Item 07/03 –Secretariat to circulate the Qantas paper tabled at the IMC meeting 16 November, on the limitations of aircraft performance.	Secretariat
Action Item 08/03 – Department, Airservices, IMC Community Representatives and Mr Fitzgerald to discuss the role of the IMC and report back.	Department, Airservices Australia, IMC Community Representatives and Mr Fitzgerald
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ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS	
Action Item 02/01 – Department to report back on the issues raised by Mr Frere.	Department
Action Item 07/01 – Action item 07/01 continues to be outstanding from Meeting 1 of 2010. Department and Airservices to respond to issues raised by Mr Hayes (LTOP, high and wide and ‘trident’ recommendations).	Department, Airservices



ATTENDANCE

Members

B.	Cotter	Chair, Community Representative for the North
K.	Hill	Community Representative for the South
J.	Woods	Representing the Community Representative for the West
T.	Fasanella	Representing the Member for Reid
K.	Pasterfield	Representing the Member for Kingsford-Smith
E.	Barnett	Representing the Member for Barton
B.	Hayes	Representing the Member for North Sydney
P.	Bardos	Representing the Member for Bennelong
P.	Fletcher	Member for Bradfield
B.	Notley-Smith	Representing the Member for Wentworth
T.	Loveday	Representing the Member for Cook
P.	Norman	Representing the Member for Heffron
T.	Nardone	Representing the Member for Sydney
M.	O'Sullivan	Representing the Member for Marrickville
T.	Cassidy	Mayor of Ashfield
F.	Byrne	Mayor of Marrickville
R.	Gilmour	Representing the Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
R.	Edney	Member for the Australian Airline Industry
W.	Bennett	Board of Airline Representatives of Australia
I.	Koernicke	Representing the Sutherland Shire Council

Department of Infrastructure

S.	Stone	General Manager, Aviation Environment Branch
D.	Southgate	Head, Aviation Environment Policy Section
J.	Collis	Aviation Environment Policy Section, Secretariat

Airservices Australia

M.	Rodwell	Manager, East Coast Air Traffic Control, Airservices Australia
M.	Bennetts	General Manager, Environment, Airservices Australia
P.	Carroll	Airservices Australia

Observers

J.	Clarke	Bradfield
K.	Banfield	Marrickville Council
A.	Sellick	Qantas Airways
T.	Williams	Community Member
J.	Farrar	Office of the Member for Wentworth
H.	Knox	Overnight Airfreight Operators Association
J.	Chan	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd.
T.	Plummer	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd



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M. Watts Minister's Office
D. Byrne Minister's Office

Apologies

S. Morrison Member for Cook
M. Patrinos Community Representative for the West
P. Blight Mayor of Sutherland Shire
J. Alexander Member for Bennelong
H. Boorman Deputy Mayor of Sutherland Shire
F. Sartor Member for Rockdale
T. Clapper Representing the Member for Rockdale