



**Sydney Airport
Community Forum**

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting 3/2011
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AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

The Chair welcomed members and nominees. Apologies were received from:

- Ms Tammie Nardone, representing the State Member for Sydney; and,
- Mr Warren Bennett, Board of Airlines Representatives of Australia.

The Agenda was adopted, as circulated.

AGENDA ITEM 2 Confirmation of Draft Summary Record of Meeting 2/2011, 20 May 2011

Agenda Item 2.1 Incorporation of suggested changes

The Draft Summary Record was confirmed, subject to the suggested changes circulated with the meeting papers, and it was agreed to publish it on the SACF website.

Agenda Item 2.2 Action Items arising from last meeting

It was noted that all action items have been either completed, or would be considered under the relevant agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 3 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman

The Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (ANO), Mr Ron Brent gave a report on a review into the information provided about aircraft noise in Sydney. He indicated that problems understanding aircraft noise issues are a strong theme in complaints to the ANO from Sydney residents. The review will look for better ways to present aircraft noise information. He noted that Airservices is implementing the recommendations of his review of complaint handling, and is developing a more issues-based focus to reporting about noise complaints. The ANO is conducting a review of consultation processes in Perth which may have lessons for SACF.

Action 01/03 The ANO will bring a draft report of the review of aircraft noise information to SACF.

AGENDA ITEM 4 Sydney Airport Report

Mr Michael Samaras, the Corporate Affairs Manager for the Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL), noted some of the highlights of the Sydney Airport report, including the appointment of Ms Kerrie Mather as the new Chief Executive Officer. Other points noted were the construction of a new multi-level carpark to provide an additional 2,300 parking spaces, the completion of the runway resurfacing report and a new \$25 million project to install stop-bar lights to prevent runway incursions.

He noted the sponsorship of the Sydney Fringe Festival, as part of SACL's community engagement program. Sydney Airport recorded a 3.3% increase in passenger movements for the 12 months to July 2011. Passenger numbers were 35.9 million, or close to 100,000 passengers per day.

AGENDA ITEM 5 Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) – Implementation Progress

Agenda Item 5.1 Air Traffic Management in Sydney

Mr Paul Carroll (Airservices) gave a presentation on air traffic management in Sydney, including the development of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP), runway operating modes and the effects of wind conditions and traffic on runway mode selection. The presentation explained the requirements for aircraft separation, including the procedures for staging aircraft to maintain separation, and the influences of different aircraft types, aircraft performance and wind conditions at different altitudes.

There was discussion of the role of new technology in air traffic management, and the potential for new technology to improve noise sharing outcomes.

Action 02/03 Secretariat to circulate an electronic copy of the Airservices presentation on air traffic management.

Agenda Item 5.2 Progress report on LTOP implementation

There was discussion of the LTOP targets, and the implementation of LTOP. It was noted that the Proponent's Statement, a document prepared by the then Department of Transport and Regional Development, identified the elements that comprise the LTOP, which were subsequently incorporated into the Minister's Directions to Airservices. It was agreed to make the relevant documents available on the SACF website so members could come to a common understanding of the objectives of LTOP.

Action 03/03: Secretariat to provide access on the SACF website to the Proponent's Statement, and the Minister's Directions to Airservices to implement LTOP.

Action 04/03 Airservices to provide a status report to SACF wguwg responds to the following questions raised by Mr Hayes:

- 1. What elements of the Minister's 1997 Direction remain part of LTOP but are yet to be implemented?***
- 2. What elements have been deleted so they will no longer be implemented?***
- 3. What changes have been made where implementation has been or will be significantly different to what was originally approved by the Minister***
- 4. What are the reasons for any changes?***

There was discussion on the status of 'the achievement of LTOP targets' as a key performance indicator (KPI) for the Airservices CEO, or within the organization.

Action 05/03 Airservices to report on where 'the achievement of LTOP targets' sits as a KPI for the CEO or within the organization.

Agenda Item 5.3 Response to issues raised in Mr Hayes' letter

Airservices advised that a response to Mr Hayes' letter about the implementation of LTOP was provided to the Community Representatives at the Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC) meeting on 17 May 2011. It was agreed that Airservices will provide the response to Mr Hayes, and that the matter will be discussed at the next SACF meeting.

Action 06/03 Airservices response to Mr Hayes' letter will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next SACF meeting.

Agenda Item 5.4 Report on issues associated with classifying flight paths by frequency and concentration of aircraft movements.

Ms Michelle Bennetts (Airservices) reported that following an investigation of international practice Airservices has been unable to find a system that described flight paths in terms of the number or concentration of aircraft movements. IMC will continue to consider ways of describing measures of concentration/spread in analysing specific routes. Airservices noted that it was upgrading the functionality of its flight monitoring system, Webtrak, which will include extending the history available and upgrading the graphical display to better illustrate the noise effects. There was discussion of using social media to promote communications to SACF members.

Action 07/03 Airservices will provide information about the upgrade to WebTrak for circulation to SACF members.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Implementation and Monitoring Committee

Mr Hill noted that there had been two meetings of IMC, on 28 June and 6 September, since the last SACF meeting. Matters considered included the issue of aircraft departing from runway 16L overflying La Perouse: analysis indicates that a small number of flights do not follow the Standard Instrument Departure (SID) track. IMC agreed to conduct some short-term monitoring of this SID and to ask the airlines to follow up the reasons provided by pilots for excursions from the SID.

The next meeting of IMC is on 18 October 2011.

Action 08/03 Airservices will provide a report on a review of the reasons provided for departures from runway 16L which track over La Perouse.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Department of Infrastructure and Transport Reports

Agenda Item 7.1 Curfew Dispensation Report

The Curfew Dispensation report was noted. It was agreed to delete from future reports any reference to dispensations for airports outside Sydney.

Action 09/03 *The Secretariat will ensure that future reports include information on curfew dispensations for Sydney Airport only.*

7.2 SACF Correspondence

The correspondence report was noted.

The Chair noted correspondence from a Randwick resident that was copied to the ANO, and tabled the ANO's response to that correspondence.

He also noted correspondence between a Concord resident and the ANO, about the LTOP targets, which was referred to SACF. The Chair noted that the ANO has responded to this correspondence.

He referred to correspondence from the Chair of the Matraville Precinct Committee requesting that the Mayor of Randwick be represented on SACF, noting that the Minister has given an undertaking that we will review the membership of SACF towards the end of this year.

Mr Josh Bihary, nominee for the Member for Bennelong referred to correspondence from a resident of Carlingford, and requested that Airservices consider locating a temporary Noise Monitoring Terminal at Carlingford. It was noted that this request would be considered in the context of Airservices review of noise monitoring. It was agreed that the Secretariat would prepare a response to Mr Bihary and circulate it to members.

Action 10/03 *The Secretariat will prepare a response to Mr Bihary, and circulate it to members.*

7.3 SACF Phone line

The Telephone register was noted.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Other Business

Agenda Item 8.1 Productivity Commission Draft Report

This item was drawn to the attention of SACF by Mr Hayes. Mr Stone discussed the observations made in the draft Productivity Commission report in relation to the curfew and the movement cap. It was agreed that SACF make a submission supporting no change to the curfew, no change to the movement cap, and greater public transport access to the Airport. Submissions close on 23 September 2011, and public hearings are being held in Canberra on 5 October and Melbourne on 6 October. The Chair agreed to attend a hearing if necessary.

Action 11/03 *The Secretariat will draft a submission to the Productivity Commission and circulate it to members.*

Agenda Item 8.2 Monitoring and minimization of night time noise.

Mr Clarke introduced this item noting that the objective of the exercise is to identify, record and report on all instances of the over-flight of residential areas during night-time hours by aircraft departing from or arriving at Sydney Airport.

Mr Clarke put forward a resolution proposing that the Sydney Airport Community Forum resolves to:

1. Adopt a definition of night-time as being the period from 7pm until 7am.
2. Request Airservices Australia to make all data available to members of the Implementation and Monitoring Committee which is necessary for and will enable IMC members to “Monitor and Minimise Night-Time Aircraft Noise” as required by and in accordance with the IMC Terms of Reference.

There was no objection to the first item.

After discussion, the second item was put to a vote and was declared lost.

Agenda Item 8.3 Air Services (Aircraft Noise) Amendment Bill 2011

Mr Hayes proposed a motion in relation to the *Air Services (Aircraft Noise) Amendment Bill 2011*, a Private Members Bill introduced to the Australian Parliament by Ms Judi Moylan MP on 4 July 2011, to seek an indication of SACF support for the fundamental principles of the proposed bill.

The Chair determined that this matter would be stood over to the next meeting.

Action 12/03 The Air Services Amendment Bill will be considered at the next SACF meeting.

Agenda Item 8.4 Runway 34 STARS

It was noted that SEANAG does not wish to take up the offer to meet with Airservices to discuss and clarify the answers provided to the SEANAG questions.

8.5 ANEFs, ANEIs and the Movement Cap

Ms Patrinos had given notice of her intention to raise questions concerning ANEI’s not having been produced since the last quarter of 2009. Ms Bennetts stated that this was a result of system problems, and advised that Airservices will address the backlog and bring the ANEIs up to date by the first quarter of 2012, and keep them up to date going forward. Thereafter they would be produced before the end of the following quarter.

Action 13/03 Airservices to action outstanding quarterly ANEI reports by the first quarter of 2012 and keep them up to date thereafter, ensuring they are produced before the end of the following quarter.

Mr Stone advised that following a number of breaches of the movement cap in 2010 the Minister asked the Secretary of the Department to chair a committee with industry to look as measures to manage the movement cap more effectively in the future. That committee has submitted a report and it is expected that the Minister will make a statement on this shortly.

Action 14/03 A report on measures to better manage the movement cap will be circulated to SACF when it is released.

Agenda Item 8.6 Airservices Communications and Consultation Protocol

It was agreed that Airservices will provide a written progress report on the Airservices Communications and Consultation Protocol to the next meeting.

Mr Hill recommended that the Airservices Protocol should focus on 'Community Engagement' and be mindful of the UN Brisbane Declaration, and the Aarhus Convention on access to information, public participation in decision making and access to justice in environmental matters.

Action 15/03 *Airservices will provide a written report on the Communications and Consultation Protocol to the next SACF meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 9: Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on 18 November 2011.

ATTENDANCE

Members

P.	Fitzgerald	Chair
M.	Patrinos	Community Representative for the West
K.	Hill	Community Representative for the South
T.	Fasanella	Representing the Member for Reid
D.	Cobley-Finch	Representing the Member for Sydney (Cwth)
S.	McArdle	Representing the Member for Kingsford-Smith
E.	Barnett	Representing the Member for Barton
B.	Hayes	Representing the Member for North Sydney
J.	Bihary	Representing the Member for Bennelong
J.	Clarke	Representing the Member for Bradfield
S.	Betts	Representing the Member for Wentworth
J.	Woods	Representing the Member for Cook
S.	Leo	Representing the Member for Heffron
A.	Clark	Representing the Member for Rockdale
M.	O'Sullivan	Representing the Member for Marrickville
L.	Kennedy	Mayor of Ashfield
P.	Blight	Mayor of Sutherland Shire
J.	Patterson	Representing the Mayor of the City of Botany Bay
M.	Samaras	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
R.	Edney	Australian Airline Industry

Department of Infrastructure

S.	Stone	General Manager, Aviation Environment
D.	Southgate	Head, Aviation Environment Policy Section
J.	Collis	Aviation Environment Policy Section, Secretariat
R.	Brooks	Airports Branch, New South Wales Section
S.	George	Airports Branch, New South Wales Section

Airservices Australia

M.	Bennetts	General Manager, Environment
P.	Carroll	Sydney Operations Manager

Aircraft Noise Ombudsman

R.	Brent	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman
T.	Abberton	Office of the Airport Noise Ombudsman

Observers

D.	Barbar	Office of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
J.	Lovell	Office of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
J.	Chan	Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
T.	Plummer	Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
E.	Pearson	Office of the Member for Cook
L.	Sierakowski	Office of the Member for North Sydney
M.	Matson	Randwick City Council
K.	Armstrong	Randwick City Council
K.	Banfield	Marrickville Council
I.	Koernicke	Sutherland Shire Council
J.	Stewart	Tourism and Transport Forum
A.	Sellick	Qantas
H.	Knox	Overnight Airfreight Operators Association
T.	Williams	Community
L.	D'Alpuget	GyMEA Bay

Apologies

W.	Bennett	Board of Airline Representatives of Australia
T.	Nardone	Representing the NSW Member for Sydney