

SUMMARY RECORD

SACF Meeting 2/2014

23 May 2014

AGENDA ITEM 1 Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

Welcome members and nominees.

On 16 April 2014 the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development confirmed the appointment of Mr John Alexander AOM MP as Chair of the Sydney Airport Community Forum for a term of three years. The Chair has gratefully accepted the position and looks forward to chairing the Forum for the next three years.

Apologies

Mr John Patterson, representing the Mayor of Botany Bay
Mayor Lucille Mc Kenna, Ashfield City Council
Mayor Scott Nash, Randwick City Council
Cr Darcy Byrne, Mayor Leichhardt Municipal Council
Cr Kevin Schreiber, Sutherland Shire Council
Cr Phil Blight, Sutherland Shire Council
Mr John Clarke, representing the Member for Bradfield
Ms Maria Patrinos, Community Representative West

Agenda

The draft agenda was circulated on 15 May 2014. Mr Clarke suggested an additional agenda item:

- The 1982 National Acoustic Laboratory (NAL) Report "Aircraft Noise in Australia: A Survey of Community Reaction"

Mr Hill indicated that he wished to raise a number of matters, and Mr Hayes noted that he wished to make the Forum aware of an item of correspondence. It was agreed to consider these matters under Other Business.

AGENDA ITEM 2 Confirmation of Draft Summary Record of Meeting 4/2013

Ms Laverty and Mr Hayes suggested a number of changes and the meeting agreed to accept these changes.

Action Items arising from previous meetings

The Action items for the last meeting have either been completed or are on the Agenda for discussion today. In addition there are two outstanding items from the 22 November 2013 meeting, which will be addressed at Agenda Item 4.

AGENDA ITEM 3 Sydney Airport Report

Mr Plummer reported that the Deputy Prime Minister approved the Master Plan on 17 February 2014. It includes a 5-year Ground Transport Plan which was developed in cooperation with Local Councils and the NSW State Government. The Ground Transport Plan includes works to upgrade the road network in both T1 and T2/T3 precincts, improved bus facilities and improved access for cyclists and pedestrians. The road works in the T1 precinct will create a central through road and a series of flyovers to separate different streams of traffic.

Development of the T2/T3 precinct will require a Major Development Plan (MDP) to be prepared and publicly exhibited, prior to consideration by the Minister. The preliminary draft MDP is expected to be put out for public exhibition for 60 business days in June 2014. The preliminary draft MDP is then revised following consideration of public submissions and a draft MDP is submitted to the Minister for approval. Subject to approval it is planned to commence work in the T2/T3 precinct in 2015. Comments from SACF are welcome.

The proposed solution is to create a one-way road network which will separate arriving and departing traffic streams and increase the green light time at the major intersections. It also includes a ground transport interchange which includes a bus facility, and a hotel. Two new bus routes have been approved, one from Miranda through the Airport to Bondi Junction, and another from Chatswood through the CBD to the Airport, but will not commence until the bus facility is completed.

SACL supports the National Airports Safeguarding Framework (NASF) but state governments have done little to implement the framework. A number of proposals have raised NASF issues including a development proposal on the Kurnell Peninsula under the only flight path that can be used during the curfew, developments close to the runway end which can cause air turbulence and wind shear, developments near the airport (airspace protection) and illuminated advertising signage distraction to pilots). Sydney Airport will be advocating to the Australian, NSW and Local Governments that they review and amend relevant laws to reflect the intentions of NASF.

Sydney Airport is committed to engaging in constructive negotiations on the development of a second Sydney Airport, and is pleased that a decision has now been made to select Badgery's Creek as the location for the secondary airport.

On 28 April 2014 the installation of high intensity approach lights on the main north-south runway was completed, allowing aircraft to land in visibility conditions down to 350 metres, and this has resulted in CASA upgrading Sydney to a Category II airport.

SACL has called for applications from local schools for its School Grants Program for 2014.

Action 01/02 The Secretariat to circulate a copy of the Sydney Airport Report.

It was suggested that a free pick-up area be included on the T1 central through road, similar to the arrangement at Brisbane Airport. It was noted that a free parking area was provided, but Mr Plummer agreed to look at Brisbane Airport.

AGENDA ITEM 4 LTOP Implementation Progress

Mr Greg Atkins, the Manager East Coast Services, Airservices Australia, apologized that he was unable to present the Volans software to help visualize the impact of aircraft noise. He circulated a report on aircraft noise profiles, aircraft fleet renewal, and the capacity of noise sharing modes.

The report on the capacity of noise sharing modes draws on data from a number of sources. Different models use different assumptions, limitations, definitions and delay criteria. For example the maximum possible rate assumes ideal conditions such as evenly spaced aircraft movements.

A number of factors affect which noise sharing modes can be used under which conditions. For example, SODPROPS is the most environmentally desirable mode, but is also the most constrained by weather. The report also compared the time spent in noise sharing modes in 1998 and 2012, and showed the seasonal variations in runway mode use.

The Forum noted that the capacity of noise sharing modes was critical to the ability to implement LTOP.

The Airservices paper also reports on aircraft noise profiles and aircraft fleet renewal. The section on aircraft noise profiles includes comparisons of vertical climb profiles for a range of wide body twin aircraft, and noise levels for a range of current and historical aircraft which demonstrate that newer aircraft are quieter. The report also includes a chart which shows a range of aircraft types and when they were introduced and in some cases retired from the aircraft fleet.

As the Airservices report was not circulated prior to the SACF meeting and members had no opportunity to study the report in detail it was agreed to hold over further discussions on the three issues till the next SACF meeting.

Action 02/02 The issue of the capacity of noise sharing modes, aircraft noise profiles and aircraft fleet renewal to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5 Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC) Report

The Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC) met on 29 April 2014. A decision has been taken to remove the Sydney VOR. High intensity approach lighting has been installed which will improve the ability of the airport to operate in reduced visibility. The 3-D noise mapping software Volans was demonstrated at IMC, and is a useful tool for presenting information on the impact of aircraft noise.

AGENDA ITEM 6 SACF Membership and Terms of Reference

SACF has existed largely unchanged since 1996, and there have been many changes in operations at Sydney Airport in that time. The Deputy Prime Minister is keen to ensure that SACF remains an effective forum for community engagement on issues relating to the operation of Sydney Airport, and has asked that the Chair review the SACF membership and its Terms of Reference with a view to clarifying and evolving the role that SACF has and ensuring that it performs that role as effectively as possible. The challenge is to ensure that the views of the community are adequately represented, and that all the issues regarding airport operations can be raised while ensuring that SACF does not become unwieldy. SACF currently has 25 members, compared with most other Community Aviation Consultation Groups (CACGs) which have 12-15 members. Members are asked to give careful consideration to how we might improve the Terms of Reference, and the Membership of SACF to allow it to provide a more effective forum for community engagement on Sydney Airport.

A discussion paper drafted by the department was circulated to the Forum for consideration. Members are invited to provide submissions on these matters prior to 30 June 2014 to allow time for the Chair and the Minister to consider submissions, and provide a report back to members at the next meeting. Submissions should be sent to the Secretariat, by email to SACF@infrastructure.gov.au

Mr Plummer put the view that it was important that other issues be reflected in the terms of reference, and noted that ground transport was a major issue raised in community consultations associated with the Master Plan. Members requested more information on the make-up of other CACGs.

Action 03/02 The Secretariat to circulate the Department's Guidelines on CACGs.

Mr Ron Brent, the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman, reported that aircraft noise remains a prominent issue at other CACGs, and put the view that other issues can be considered without sacrificing the focus on aircraft noise.

AGENDA ITEM 7 Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development Reports

Agenda Item 7.1 Update on second Sydney Airport

The Australian Government announced on 15 April 2014 that the site for Western Sydney's new airport will be Badgerys Creek. It was an election commitment that the Government would make a decision on Sydney's future airport needs early in its first term and it has acted promptly on that commitment.

It has been announced as a Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan, and it aims to build significant road infrastructure first. The Department is working with Sydney Airport to consider the right of first refusal and reach agreement on what is covered.

Mr Hayes asked if the Department intends to issue a statement on the Government's position regarding the role of the Second Sydney Airport at Badgery's Creek. Some members put the view that the second Sydney Airport should absorb a sufficient number of movements to ensure that noise sharing can operate at Kingsford Smith Airport as intended under LTOP. Mr Stone said that the Government's focus has been on providing infrastructure for Western Sydney, starting with road connections but also on meeting Western Sydney's demand for air travel.

The suggestion that the second Sydney airport be named after the Australian aviation pioneer Lawrence Hargreave was supported.

AGENDA ITEM 7.2 Curfew Dispensation Reports

Curfew Dispensation Reports were tabled in Parliament on 24 February and 24 March 2014. A total of 5 dispensations were approved during that time, all for late arrivals resulting from immediate and extraordinary circumstances.

AGENDA ITEM 7.3 Correspondence Report

The Correspondence report was noted.

AGENDA ITEM 7.4 SACF Phone line

It was noted that there has been no activity on the SACF Telephone Line since the last meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1982 National Acoustics Laboratory Report: "Aircraft Noise in Australia: A Survey of Community Reaction"

Mr Hayes addressed this issue on behalf of Mr Clarke, noting that the 1982 report underpins the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) and that there have been many changes since that time. He suggested that the Chair write to the authors of the report seeking their views on the continued validity of the survey underlying the report, how the survey might be improved and the need for a new survey.

Action 04/02 The Chair to write to the authors of the 1982 Report "Aircraft Noise in Australia: A survey of Community Reaction" to seek their views on the continued validity of the survey underlying the report, how the survey might be improved and the need for a new survey.

GBAS Landing System

Mr Hill noted that CASA has approved the introduction of the Ground Based Augmentation System (GBAS), a satellite-based version of the Instrument Landing System (ILS) currently in use.

Mr Atkins noted that GBAS had been trialed in Sydney for 7 years, and CASA had now approved its use. It was noted that GBAS is limited to guiding aircraft on the current ILS approach track. It has the advantage that unlike the ILS signal, the GBAS signal cannot be interrupted by aircraft on the ground.

Impact of change in fleet mix for 34R/16L on Kurnell

Mr Hill noted that a change in the fleet mix for aircraft using Runways 34R and 16L foreshadowed at IMC had the potential to increase the number of heavy aircraft over Kurnell and increase the noise load on residents. It was noted that the ANEF and the Master Plan have been calculated on the basis of balanced use of runways. This is likely to lead to an increase in flights over Kurnell.

Correspondence from Members to the Deputy Prime Minister

Mr Hayes tabled a letter to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Warren Truss MP, from himself, Mr Clarke and Mr Woods requesting that Mr Truss reconsider his decision not to reinstate the Aviation Community Advocate.

Action 05/02 The secretariat to circulate a copy of the letter to the Deputy Prime Minister from Mr Hayes, Mr Clarke and Mr Woods.

AGENDA ITEM 8 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on 15 August 2014



ATTENDANCE

Members

J.	Alexander	Chair
S.	Annand	Representing the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia
G.	Atkins	Airservices Australia
J.	Bihary	Representing the Member for Bennelong
L.	Caulfield	Representing the Member for Marrickville
D.	Cobley-Finch	Representing the Member for Sydney
K.	Cruden	Representing the Member for Grayndler
R.	Edney	Virgin Australia
N.	Harley	Representing the Member for Reid
B.	Hayes	Representing the Member for North Sydney
K.	Hill	Community Representative for the South
I.	Koernicke	Representing the Sutherland Shire
M.	Laverty	Representing the Member for Cook
N.	Moncrieff-Hill	Representing the Member for Kingsford-Smith
T.	Plummer	Representing the Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
K.	Welsh	Representing the Mayor of Leichhardt
C.	Woods	Representing the Mayor of Marrickville
J.	Woods	Representing the Member for Cook

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

S.	Stone	General Manager Aviation Environment
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Apologies

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L. McKenna Ashfield City Council

S. Nash Randwick City Council

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J. Patterson Representing the Mayor of the City of Botany Bay

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