



## SUMMARY RECORD

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**SACF Meeting 3/2014**

**15 August 2014**

### **AGENDA ITEM 1      Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda**

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

- Cr Lucille McKenna, Mayor of Ashfield
- Mr Lliam Caulfield, representing the Member for Marrickville

Ms Sharen Annand is standing in for Barry Abrams from the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia (BARA), and Mr George Bousamra is representing the Member for Watson.

### **Agenda**

A draft agenda was circulated on 7 August 2014. It was noted that as part of Agenda Item 4, Airservices will also be presenting a demonstration of VOLANS, a web-based application for displaying flight operations and noise footprints in 3D.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2      Confirmation of Draft Summary Record of Meeting 2/2014**

#### **2.1      Incorporation of suggested changes**

Mr Hayes' suggested changes were accepted.

#### **2.2      Action Items arising from previous meetings**

It was noted that the Action items for the last meeting have either been completed or are on the Agenda for discussion today.

The Secretariat has circulated the Sydney Airport Report, the Department's Guidelines on Community Aviation Consultation Groups (CACGS) and the letter from Mr Hayes, Mr Clarke and Mr Woods to the Deputy Prime Minister about an Aviation Community Advocate. The Deputy Prime Minister's reply to the latter is included in the Correspondence Report.

The Action to allow further discussion of the Airservices report on the capacity of noise sharing modes, aircraft noise profiles and fleet renewal was listed for discussion at Agenda Item 4.

The Chair wrote to the authors of the 1982 report on Aircraft Noise in Australia on 10 June 2014, and received a detailed reply, which was listed for discussion in the Correspondence Report.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3      Sydney Airport Report – Mr Plummer**

Mr Plummer reported on information collected about airport employees as part of a survey of 14,000 airport users undertaken as part of the Ground Transport Plan, noting that large numbers of employees reside in the federal electorates of Barton, Reid and Cook.

Reporting on the Ground Transport Plan, Mr Plummer noted that on 22 July 2014, work began on the Centre Road in the T1 Precinct, and the first stage of this work is expected to be completed by the end of 2014. An extensive communications program is underway to keep people informed of the impact of the works on travel times. Works for the T2/T3 will begin in 2015, subject to the approval of the Preliminary Draft Major Development Plan (PDMDP), which has been circulated to SACF members by Sydney Airport. The PDMDP is on exhibition until 22 September 2014, and comments are welcome.

The frequency of rail services to the airport has increased from 8 to 10 per hour, and new bus services have been announced from Miranda and Chatswood and increased frequency for the existing bus service. Rail now accounts for 20% of trips to the airport.

Sydney welcomed the A350 aircraft, which is lighter and more fuel efficient than existing aircraft. Sydney Airport was Airport Carbon Accredited by the Airports Council International, as part of an ongoing commitment to achieving carbon neutral growth by 2020. The GBAS navigation system was recently launched. GBAS, combined with recently installed High Intensity Approach Lighting, allows the airport to continue to operate in low visibility conditions. On a recent low-visibility day 30-50 flights which would otherwise have had to be diverted to other airports were able to land, saving fuel and reducing passenger inconvenience. The international low cost carrier Cebu Pacific Air will commence operations from Manila on 9 September 2014. Mr Plummer noted that this will make Sydney the largest international low cost carrier airport in Australia.

There was discussion of the issue of runway rebalancing, and changes to the wording of the Aeronautical Information Package – Departure and Approach Procedures (AIP) on which aircraft types can use the third runway, which were considered by the Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC). The AIP currently allows aircraft up to and including B787 and A330 to use the third runway. As new wide body twin engine aircraft are introduced there will be a re-examination of aircraft types permitted to use the third runway.

It was agreed that submissions on the PDMDP be made by individual SACF members rather than the group as a whole. Members suggested that an overpass of Joyce Drive be built to separate airport related traffic from Port Botany related traffic, and that methods to separate pedestrian and cyclist traffic be included. The representative for Kingsford Smith raised the issue of the potential for 'rat runs' springing up in the lower Mascot area as a result of the ground transport works. Mr Plummer indicated that Sydney Airport has been working with local members to ensure that the traffic works do not result in additional traffic on feeder roads.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 LTOP - Implementation Progress – Ms Elissa Keenan, Airservices**

##### **4.1 Report on the Capacity of Noise Sharing Modes, Aircraft Noise Profiles and Aircraft Fleet Renewal**

Discussion was held over until the next meeting. Mr Hayes requested that the report for discussion at the next meeting include a statement of the conclusions regarding the current and potential future capacity of the noise sharing modes and the resulting implications for the implementation of LTOP. The Department agreed to investigate sharing agenda papers through the SACF website, rather than by email.

The Chair put the view that significant reports should be provided at least a week before the meeting to allow members sufficient time to consider the issues.

**Action 01/03 The Department will investigate a web-based system for providing access to meeting papers. All meeting papers will be circulated with the final agenda to SACF members.**

**Action 02/03 The Airservices paper on Mode Capacity and related issues will be circulated with the meeting papers for discussion at the next meeting.**

##### **4.2 Update on correspondence from Miranda and Cronulla residents**

Airservices noted that the correspondence has been closed and further information has been provided about the accuracy of WebTrak.

##### **4.3 Presentation on VOLANS software**

A presentation of the VOLANS software demonstrated the capabilities of the product to display flight tracks in 3D with the associated noise footprint. VOLANS can be used as an information tool to demonstrate the noise impact (albeit, dBA only) of new or existing flight paths or procedures. It is one of a number of tools for providing such information. Some members noted support for this software tool.

Several other members raised the question of Airservices' policy on the provision of source data on flight radar tracking information, and whether there are any impediments to providing this data. Airservices agreed to report back on these issues.

**Action 03/03 Airservices to report on its data provision policies.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC) Report – Mr Hill**

Mr Hill reported that the VOR will be removed in November-December and will be replaced with newer technology that will perform the same role with no change to flight paths and no observable change in air traffic management. Airservices also assured SACF that the removal of VOR will have no impact in terms of aircraft concentration.

The VOLANS software was demonstrated at IMC. The issues raised in correspondence from Miranda residents were investigated, the Committee looked at data for a number of years but no changes were found and the action item is closed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6      SACF Membership and Terms of Reference Review**

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 the Chair to review the SACF membership and its terms of reference. The Chair thanked members for providing feedback through their submissions and reported that he had made some preliminary recommendations to the Minister. He put the view that the existing terms of reference adequately highlight noise abatement and LTOP as the key matters before SACF whilst also referring to our role in maintaining strong community consultation on broader airport operations, and recommended that changes to the terms of reference are not necessary at this time. In terms of membership, it is important to ensure that all community members are represented by the levels of government relevant to the suite of issues discussed, whilst also ensuring that the Forum is of a workable size to support its effective administration. The Chair noted that in some areas the community is represented by all three levels of government while other sectors of our community affected by aircraft operations feel they do not have a single representative voice, and put the view that a better balance could be achieved.

Members put the view that other fora provide consultation on issues like transport and planning, but SACF is the only forum for community consultation on aircraft noise and aircraft operations, and it was important that its focus be maintained. It was suggested that a link could be included on the SACF website to direct members of the public who wish to raise transport or planning issues to appropriate fora. There was not strong support for the inclusion of a member from the business community or tourism lobby and the consensus was that issues from these sectors should be raised through other fora including the Planning and Coordination Forum.

Ted Plummer, on behalf of Sydney Airport, indicated that the sort of airport-related issues raised by members of the public during master plan community consultations far exceeded the issue addressed by SACF's existing terms of reference, with ground transport and related issues being more prominent with many in the community than noise. He suggested that SACF's terms of reference and membership be more closely aligned with those applying to the community forums for other capital city airports, and the Australian Government's Guidelines for Community Aviation Consultation Groups.

**AGENDA ITEM 7      Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development Reports –  
Mr Stone****7.1            Update on second Sydney Airport**

Mr Stone reported that the Australian Government has appointed Ernst & Young to provide Business Adviser services for the Western Sydney Airport Project. Under the contract, Ernst & Young will bring together several firms to harness specialist aviation, design and commercial expertise to help build the business case for the airport, including patronage forecasting, airport operation and design concepts, examination of funding and financing models, market sounding and airport costing evaluation. The next stage in the process is for the Government to give SACF formal notice of an Intention to Consult.

Some members raised the issue of whether consideration had been given to the role, size and potential capacity of the Western Sydney Airport as a guide for the business case and negotiations. Mr Stone indicated such issues would be addressed as part of the planning process through the engagement of the business adviser.

**7.2            Curfew Dispensation Report**

In the period up to May there have been four requests for dispensations, one was approved and three were not approved.

**7.3            SACF Correspondence**

Mr Clarke raised the response from the authors of the NAL Study and proposed that SACF invite Drs Hede and Bullen to address the forum on issues related to the continued validity of the survey underlying the report, how the survey might be improved, the need for a new survey, and the adequacy of the ANEF as a measure of aircraft noise impact. Members agreed to invite Drs Hede and Bullen to the next meeting to address their correspondence on the NAL study.

**Action 04/03            The Chair to write to Drs Hede and Bullen to invite them to address  
SACF on the research underlying the ANEF.**

Some members expressed disappointment at the Deputy Prime Minister's response to the request by Messrs Hayes, Clarke And Woods to fund an Aviation Community Advocate position and requested that the Chair make further representations to the Deputy Prime Minister on this matter.

**Action 05/03            The Chair to make further representations to the Deputy Prime  
Minister on the value of funding an Aviation Community Advocate.**

**7.4            SACF Phone line**

This report was noted.

It was noted that the telephone line for information about Western Sydney Airport is 1800 038 160

**AGENDA ITEM 8      Date of next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on 14 November 2014.



**ATTENDANCE**

**Members**

J.	Alexander	Chair
S.	Annand	Representing the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia
G.	Bousamra	Representing the Member for Watson
J.	Bihary	Representing the Member for Bennelong
J.	Clarke	Representing the Member for Bradfield
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
N.	Moncrieff-Hill	Representing the Member for Kingsford-Smith
M.	Patrinos	Community Representative for the West
J.	Patterson	Representing the City of Botany Council
J.	Pinczewski	Representing the Member for Wentworth
T.	Plummer	Representing the Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
K.	Schreiber	Representing the Sutherland Shire
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
J.	Collis	Aircraft Operations Section, SACF Secretariat
R.	McArthur	Director, Aircraft Operations
A.	Sutherland	Director, Airports, New South Wales



**Airservices Australia**

P.	Carroll	Air Traffic Control Line Manager
J.	Hunter	Senior Adviser, Community Relations
E.	Keenan	Manager Community Relations
M.	Latimore	Chief Accoustics Engineer

**Sydney Airport Corporation Limited**

K.	Alcott	Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
T.	Ong	Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
J.	Stewart	Sydney Airport Corporation Limited

**Observers**

S.	Agagiotis	Randwick Council
P.	Holt	Beesmaw Pty Ltd
M.	Lavery	For the Member for Cook
M.	Morris	Qantas
N.	Safe	Australian International Pilots Association
T.	Williams	Sydney

**Apologies**

L.	Caulfield	Representing the Member for Marrickville
L.	McKenna	Ashfield City Council