



Sydney Airport Community Forum
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SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

Meeting 1/2008

Conference Room A
Commonwealth Parliamentary Office
Level 8, 70 Phillip Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Friday, 15 February 2008

SUMMARY RECORD

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

1.1 Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed Minister Albanese, members and nominees to the newly constituted Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF). He confirmed members' approval to have their email details displayed on the SACF website.

The Chair thanked members for their commitment to the new forum and expressed his anticipation of a useful debate on the upcoming operations at Sydney Airport. He noted the responsibilities of the aviation industry to advise and inform the public of aviation operations and the duty of SACF members to facilitate the flow of information to and from the community. He indicated he looked forward to working cooperatively with aviation authorities to build effective networks for and on behalf of communities affected by the operations of Sydney Airport.

Attachment A lists attendance details.

Media was requested to vacate the meeting at this point.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Presentation by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, and Member for Grayndler, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP

2.1 Presentation from Minister Albanese

Minister Albanese thanked the Chair for agreeing to undertake the position, and members for accepting the invitation to contribute to SACF. Members were asked to keep their alternative attendance nominees consistent. The Minister noted the Mayor of Ashfield entered the meeting and confirmed his membership.

The Minister recognised the past efforts of Mr Hockey and Mr Nelson as previous SACF Chairs. He expressed his disappointment about the lack of public consultation on the proposed Runway End Safety Area (RESA) by the Sydney Airport Corporation.

Minister Albanese recognised the vital role Sydney Airport has in the economy of the nation, but stated the need for the airport to exist in harmony with the community. He indicated that SACF has a critical role in ensuring this co-existence by making practical contributions and facilitating the open exchange of information between the airport and the community.

Members raised the issue of additional membership to include local representation of some areas which the Minister acknowledged while stating the need for the forum not to exceed a manageable size. He indicated he would base his considerations on the advice of SACF and the Chair.

Members discussed the role of observers and the media at future meetings and consensus supported an open forum on the understanding that observers would be asked to leave during any 'in-confidence' discussions. Members of the previous form of SACF offered support for the Aviation Community Advocate position and suggested new members could receive advice from



the Advocate, Mr Tony Williams, on any unfamiliar technical issues. It was also suggested by Mr Clarke that members be given a copy of the Report Summary of the Long Term Operating Plan for Sydney Airport to assist in future deliberations.

Action Item 01/01: Secretariat to circulate copies of LTOP summary to members.

Members thanked the Minister for the invitation for membership and requested that SACF consider wider airport operations, including vehicle congestion, in its future discussions. The Minister acknowledged the potential for SACF to expand its consideration of issues beyond aircraft noise but cautioned it should be within limits. New members suggested a renewed focus on the full implementation of the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) for Sydney Airport without excessive emphasis on the technical details.

The Minister advised that under the reconstitution of SACF all past operations of the forum were open to review. He indicated he was looking forward to hearing constructive suggestions from the forum in the future.

The Chair thanked Minister Albanese for his attendance, and the Minister left the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd

3.1 Report from Sydney Airport Corporation

The Chair introduced Mr Rod Gilmour, General Manager of Corporate Affairs and Human Resources who thanked the Minister for his comments and the extension of goodwill. Mr Gilmour indicated that Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd (SACL) would be making presentations on the upcoming RESA construction and the Master Plan for Sydney Airport due for submission in early 2009. He then introduced the other attendees from Sydney Airport and Boulderstone Hornibrook, the company responsible for the design and construction methodology on the RESA project (see Attachment A for attendance details).

3.1.1 Report on the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) proposed for the western end of the east-west runway (Mr Titley, Mr Lavis, Mr Sarraf, Ms Alroe)

Mr Gilmour explained that the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority (CASA) has amended the Manual of Standards (MOS) introducing new safety criteria requiring the construction of a runway end safety area at the western end of the east-west runway (runway 25/07). The construction works will be complicated by the proximity to existing infrastructure at the western end of the runway in the form of the M5 East Motorway tunnel, the Cooks River, Energy Australia's high voltage cables and a heritage registered sewer Sydney Water's South and Western Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer (otherwise known as the SWSOOS).

Representatives of Boulderstone Hornibrook showed 3-dimensional visualisation graphics detailing the future works and explained the proposed phases of the construction. Issues raised during discussion included the impact of construction noise on nearby residents over the Cooks River; the safety aspects of tailwind criteria; and the role of pilots in determining runway selection.

Sydney Airport Corporation announced to the meeting its decision to undertake a Major Development Plan (MDP) which will entail a 60 business day period of public consultation, and to proactively seek community input on the RESA construction. Representatives detailed the decision-making process behind the current project and the safety aspects involved.



Members discussed the planned changes to the runway configuration, involving a temporary RESA, between 1 May 2008 when the runway becomes non-compliant with ICAO standards and October 2008 when construction of the RESA is due to start. Members expressed concern about the impacts of the project on noise sharing and requested that the Department seek advice from CASA on the possibility of an exemption being granted against the need to comply with ICAO standards until October 2008 when the construction starts.

Action Item 02/01: Department to raise possible exemption for SACL from ICAO requirements to allow continued use of the full length east-west runway until October 2008

Action Item 03/01: Department to provide information on the extent to which pilots reject the duty runways and on the magnitude of delays incurred by aircraft requiring a non-duty runway

3.1.2 Report on the upcoming Master Plan (Mr Forward)

Mr Forward explained that the Airports Act 1996 requires an airport to update its 20 year Master Plan every five years by submitting a draft to the Minister for Infrastructure for approval following a 60 business day period of public consultation. The Sydney Airport Master Plan allows for an overview examining proposed infrastructure, defining the role of the airport and the opportunity to engage stakeholders in these discussions.

Representatives of Sydney Airport Corporation predict that the period of public consultation for the Master Plan will commence later in 2008. The upcoming Master Plan will involve revising the current Master Plan including reviewing air traffic forecasts, emerging technologies and land use planning. It will also consider future aviation needs, terminal facilities, number and type of aircraft, environmental issues such as emissions and noise, future infrastructure in areas around the airport and the satisfaction of State Government initiatives such as convention and tourist activity.

Sydney Airport Corporation expressed a commitment to working with SACF as a recognised key stakeholder and contributing information on the development of the draft Master Plan to SACF at future meetings.

3.1.3 Discussion

Members were given the opportunity to pose questions and make comments and some general discussion followed. Members raised two key issues they would like further information on. These included:

- Clarification on several aspects of Section 85 of the Airports Act 1996
- The apparent discrepancy between 5 and 10 knot tailwinds on runway mode use at Brisbane and Sydney airports.

Action Item 04/01: Department to follow up query on Section 85 of the Airports Act 1996 and provide response to SACF

Action Item 05/01: Department to raise issue of 5 knot (Sydney) and 10 knot (Brisbane) wind speeds with CASA

Action Item 06/01: Secretariat to ensure that 'roles and responsibilities of SACL' paper is circulated to members.



The Chair thanked representatives of Sydney Airport Corporation for their presentations. Two observers were permitted entry upon finalisation of discussions.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Airservices Issues

4.1 Report on the Implementation and Monitoring Committee

Mr Hill gave a summary of discussions at recent Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC) meetings in December 2007 and February 2008. Mr Hill provided background for new members on the IMC explaining it is a technical committee run by Airservices Australia which gives the opportunity for SACF representatives to discuss technical issues with representatives of Airservices Australia, Sydney Airport Corporation, Qantas and Virgin Blue.

Recent topics of discussion included:

- the announcement of the RESA project;
- correspondence from the CEO of Airservices to the Minister on behalf of the IMC expressing disappointment about Sydney Airport Corporation's lack of consultation with the community on the RESA project and its impacts;
- the changes to Noise Abatement Departure Procedures (NADPs) which can potentially mitigate take-off noise for communities under the flight paths;
- recent abusive and threatening phone calls to the Airservices Noise Enquiry Unit which had resulted in police notification; and
- noise data from studies undertaken on the Airbus A380 aircraft.

Action Item 07/01: Noise Enquiry Unit operational hours to be included in next agenda.

The next IMC meeting is scheduled for April 2008.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Aviation Community Advocate

5.1 Report from the Aviation Community Advocate

Mr Williams outlined his role as the Aviation Community Advocate (ACA) which includes providing advice to SACF members and undertaking a number of projects and tasks allocated by SACF. He is accountable directly to the Contract Manager, the Chair and SACF members, and the position exists subject to six monthly performance reviews.

Mr Balzola requested a copy of the contract between the Aviation Community Advocate and the Department of Infrastructure. The Chair indicated he would consult with the Department and the Minister on the availability of the document.

Action Item 08/01: Chair to enquire about SACF members' access to the ACA contract.

Mr Clarke indicated his support for the Advocate position and invited SACF members to contact Mr Williams should they have any queries about any SACF issues or need to refer persistent inquiries from residents.



AGENDA ITEM 6: Administrative Matters

The Chair noted the Standing Agenda Items and administrative issues were still to be discussed in detail, but indicated that the meeting had run over time so these issues would be discussed at a future time.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Other business

Mr Hill expressed an intention to table a proposal on compensation for aircraft noise affected residents at the next meeting, to which the Chair agreed.

Action Item 09/01: Secretariat to circulate 'ANARCS' proposal to members and include in next agenda

Community representatives requested hard copies of the meeting agenda prior to the next meeting which was also agreed.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Date of next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting take place in May on a date yet to be scheduled.

The Chair thanked the attendees and declared the meeting closed.



Actions from Meeting 1/2008 15 February 2008

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ATTENDANCE

A. Albanese Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Member for Grayndler

Members

V Smith Chair, Community Representative for the East
B Cotter Community Representative for the North
M Patrinos Community representative for the West
K Hill Community Representative for the South
R Balzola Representing the Member for Lowe
D Cobley-Finch Representing the Federal Member for Sydney
K Pasterfield Representing the Member for Kingsford-Smith
K Ford Representing the Member for Watson
C Connolly Representing the Member for Barton
J Hockey Member for North Sydney
M McKew Member for Bennelong
J Clarke Representing the Member for Bradfield
T Tudehope Representing the Member for Wentworth
S Morrison Member for Cook
K Keneally Member for Heffron
M Keft Representing the Member for Rockdale
C Tebbutt Member for Marrickville
C Moore State Member for Sydney, Lord Mayor of Sydney
D Thanos Mayor of Marrickville
P Fitzgerald Representing Botany Bay Council
C Allen Mayor of Leichhardt
T Cassidy Mayor of Ashfield
R Gilmour Representing Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
M Warfield Australian Airline Industry
W Bennett Board of Airline Representatives of Australia

Department of Infrastructure

M. Mrdak Deputy Secretary
N. Williams General Manager, Airports Branch
M. Ellis General Manager, Aviation Services Branch
D. Southgate Head, Aviation Environment Policy
T. Bergmanis Aviation Environment Policy, Secretariat



Advisers

T. Williams	Aviation Community Advocate
P. Carroll	Airservices Australia
R. Dudley	Airservices Australia
R. Lee	Airservices Australia
K. Owen	Airservices Australia
B. Parker	Airservices Australia
V. Newton	Baulderstone Hornibrook
B. Titley	Baulderstone Hornibrook
N. Sarraf	Baulderstone Hornibrook
L. Jenkins	Office of the Lord Mayor
T. Nardone	Office of the Lord Mayor
J. Zannotto	Office of the Lord Mayor
H. Knox	Overnight Airfreight Operators Association
A. Sellick	Qantas
K. Allcott	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
J. Alroe	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
P. Forward	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
W. Lavis	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
T. Plummer	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd

Observers

P. Bondin	No Aircraft Noise
A. Rees	No Aircraft Noise