



**Sydney Airport  
Community Forum**

Meeting 6/2008

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

Friday, 5 December 2008

**SUMMARY RECORD**

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

The Chair opened the meeting welcoming members and nominees, noting the comprehensive Agenda for the current meeting. The meeting adopted the Agenda.

It was noted that a copy of the summary of the Government's 'Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement' Green Paper had been placed at each members' place around the table; it was agreed this would be discussed at Agenda Item 6.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2: Confirmation of Draft Meeting Summary Record**

The Draft Summary Record from the previous meeting, Meeting 5 2008, was accepted without amendment.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: SACF Submission on the Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP)**

#### ***3.1 Progress Report – Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd (SACL)***

Mr Gilmour, SACL, spoke to the meeting and informed members that;

- approximately 250 information packs on the Preliminary Draft Master Plan and summary, Fact Sheets and FAQs had been provided to key stakeholders on 19 September 2008;
- the statutory notice was published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 20 September 2008;
- the Preliminary draft Master Plan and summary is on display at 47 community locations around Sydney;
- four community updates have also been published in nine local English language newspapers that enjoy high community exposure;
- two community updates had been published in seven local community language newspapers - the languages of the newspapers were chosen based on those most frequently spoken languages in local council areas;
- successful community open days have been held in a number of electorates, in community buildings and major shopping centres; and
- all 'further information requests' have been fulfilled via an information hotline and direct dealings with key stakeholders.

SACL advised that the public consultation period for the PDMP closes on 16 December 2008.

#### ***3.2 Presentation of the draft SACF submission on the PDMP – Aviation Community Advocate (ACA)***

Mr Tony Williams, the ACA, tabled the draft Summary of the SACF submission to Sydney Airport's PDMP. He thanked all members who participated in the process and assured members that every editorial comment had been incorporated. Mr Williams also thanked SACL for its co-operation throughout the process in providing him with any required information.

The ACA invited members to review the summary, concentrating on issues of significance and tone of language, and to put forward their views either in the meeting or via direct correspondence out of session.



### 3.3 General Discussion

Considerable discussion surrounded the structure of the SACF recommendation on the requirement for the draft Master Plan to consider the need for a second Sydney Airport.

It was agreed that the draft Master Plan should incorporate examination of a second Sydney Airport.

*SACF resolved that its submission to the PDMP would recommend that SACL consider the scenario of a second Sydney Airport being constructed and discuss the costs and benefits of doing so.*

*Action Item 01/06: The ACA incorporate the recommendation that SACL consider scenarios that include a second Sydney Airport and discuss the costs and benefits of doing so.*

Extended discussion surrounded current achievements of targets associated with the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) and the traffic forecasts outlined in the PDMP to the year 2029. In particular, concerns were raised that the current targets are not being met and the projected growth in aircraft traffic at Sydney Airport will mean that noise sharing will cease to exist. The possibility of some sort of compensation from SACL to residents, businesses and local government areas most affected by noise impact was also discussed.

Differing views were expressed concerning the concept of 'community tolerance'. While some members considered that it is of little value, others expressed the view that it is a fundamental principle. It was agreed that discussion on this concept should remain in the SACF submission.

It was agreed that further consideration of these issues would be more appropriately raised in the SACF Submission to the Government's Green Paper.

*SACF resolved that its submission needs to be 'beefed up' with increased aggressiveness of language incorporate and also that SACL should demonstrate the impact of increased aircraft movements on noise sharing over time.*

*Action Item 02/06: The ACA edit the current SACF submission to SACL's PDMP to 'beef up' the content and use more aggressive language. It should also recommend that SACL should demonstrate the impact of increased aircraft movements on noise sharing over time.*

The validity of the ANEF contours was raised including questions surrounding the numbers of flights allocated to the night time period; noting that the impact of each night flight is equivalent to four day flights. A number of areas of concern surrounding the validity of the ANEF contours was discussed, in particular the reasons put forward in the PDMP for the differences between the 2024 and the 2029 ANEFs were questioned.

*It was resolved that if members had further concerns and/or editorial changes that they contact the ACA out of session.*

*SACF also resolved that the final SACF Submission will be approved at the Chair's discretion.*

## **AGENDA ITEM 4: Update on the Runway Ends Safety Area (RESA) Project**

### ***4.1 Status Report on the RESA project – SACL***

SACL advised that members have been provided with two Status Reports as required by the Ministerial Conditions of Approval and offered to receive any comment on these. SACL also noted that the third report had been provided to the Department and SACF the day preceding the current meeting.

It was noted that SACL was on time with construction and the reports offered information on the timeline of construction projections as well as noise impact and runway availability during the project.

SACL advised members that its complaints management system had been operating since the commencement of the project and this information was also included in its reports.

A few questions were raised concerning the availability and use of runway 07 since the beginning of the RESA project.

### ***4.2 Update on noise sharing options during RESA – Airservices***

Mr Dudley, Airservices, explained that Mode 15 had been used on 23 out of the 39 days available so far. Also, that Airservices is looking into ways which further mitigate the noise impact on residents to the north of the Airport during the RESA project.

Mr Dudley indicated that there are additional fuel costs associated with the use of Mode 15 and noted that airlines are absorbing these costs directly.

### ***4.3 Reporting on noise sharing during RESA – Airservices***

It was noted that Airservices is continuing with the required noise sharing reporting framework throughout the RESA project.

### ***4.4 General Discussion***

The information provided by Airservices was accepted by the meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5: Airservices Issues**

### ***5.1 Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC) – Community Representative***

Mr Hill advised members that the topics talked about in recent IMC meetings were the same as those which have previously been reported at SACF, with the most significant discussions surrounding the issue of operations in a 10 knot downwind.

The IMC is actively trying to co-ordinate discussions between Airservices, Industry stakeholders, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and Sydney Airport to discuss the possibility of implementing 10 knot downwind operations at the Airport.



Mr Hill explained that airlines had previously refused to accept 10 knot downwind operations based on safety reasons.

It was suggested that the ACA should examine ways for increasing the use of SODPROPS.

Another key issue discussed in the IMC was the biasing of runway use towards Mode 9 in order to try to balance noise sharing as fairly as possible.

### **5.2 Presentation on interactive public access to flight paths: 'WebTrak' – Airservices**

Mr Dudley gave a presentation on a new interactive flight monitoring tool called WebTrak, which will be publicly available once it has been released by the Minister. WebTrak is an online tool which allows residents living around the nation's busiest airports to see in near 'real time' the proximity of flights to their homes as well as the noise emitted by those aircraft. In 'live' mode, residents can view current operations (delayed by 40 minutes for security reasons) within the vicinity of the airport; while replay mode provides flight information and noise readings for the previous week.

Mr Dudley explained that WebTrak features flight path information from incoming and outgoing aircraft as well as the noise data captured from monitors located within the communities surrounding the airports.

It was noted that this tool will be released nation-wide for eight airports around the country with the expectation that it will allow the community to better understand flight operations at Sydney Airport (and other major airports).

Feedback and/or suggestions on the development of the tool are welcomed by Airservices.

The meeting raised questions surrounding the capabilities and rollout of WebTrak.

### **5.3 Update on Bundeena noise issues – Airservices**

This has been addressed at IMC and more details will be available over the next few meetings.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: Update on the National Aviation Policy Statement – Department**

Mr Southgate addressed the meeting and explained that the Minister released the Government's 'Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement' Green Paper on Tuesday 2 December 2008; he noted that a copy of the media release, summary and full paper were emailed to members that afternoon.

Members' attention was drawn to the fact that the public consultation period closes on 27 February 2009. Members expressed the view that the length of the consultation period, given that it falls over the Christmas period, is too short.

*The meeting agreed that it was important that SACF submit to the Government's Green Paper and resolved that the Chair will correspond with the Minister asking for an extension of time in which he will accept a submission from SACF.*



*Action Item 03/06: The SACF Chair write to the Minister to ask for an extension of time in which he will accept a submission from SACF on the Government's 'Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement' Green Paper.*

*SACF confirmed that the ACA would co-ordinate a SACF submission to the Government's Green Paper.*

*Action Item 04/06: The ACA to co-ordinate the SACF submission to the Government's 'Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement' Green Paper.*

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: Aviation Community Advocate (ACA)**

The SACF Chair informed members that most of the ACA's time over the past few months had been absorbed drafting the SACF submission to the PDMP.

### **7.1 Report from the ACA**

It was noted that members had been provided with a copy of the ACA's latest progress report.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: Current Issues**

### **8.1 Update from ANARCS subcommittee – Member**

Mr Hill advised members the work of this group is continuing and identified there is scope to include a proposal in the SACF submission to the Government's Green Paper.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9: Administrative Matters**

### **9.1 Curfew Dispensation Report**

### **9.2 SACF Correspondence**

The meeting accepted that the ACA is working to address the concerns of a particularly concerned resident who had corresponded with SACF, their State Electorate, the Minister and the Department on numerous occasions.

### **9.3 SACF Phone Line**

### **9.4 SACF Web Site**

Time precluded any discussion on these issues.

## **AGENDA ITEM 10: Other Business**

No other business was raised.



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**AGENDA ITEM 11: Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will depend on the Minister's response to granting SACF an extension of time to make a submission to the Government's 'Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement' Green Paper.



**Action Items Arising from Meeting 6 – 5 December 2008.**

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*Action Item 03/06: The SACF Chair, through the Secretariat, write to the Minister to ask for an extension of time in which he will accept a submission from SACF on the Government's 'Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement' Green Paper.*

*Action Item 04/06: The ACA to co-ordinate the SACF submission to the Government's 'Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement' Green Paper.*



## **ATTENDANCE**

Mr Chris Connolly

Minister's Office

### **Members**

V. Smith	Chair, Community Representative for the East
M. Patrinos	Community representative for the West
K. Hill	Community Representative for the South
B. Nanva	Member for Lowe
K. Ford	Representing the Member for Watson
C. Stewart	Representing the Member for Barton
B. Hayes	Representing the Member for North Sydney
E. Wulff	Representing the Member for Bennelong
J. Clarke	Representing the Member for Bradfield
P. McGrath	Representing the Member for Wentworth
T. Loveday	Representing the Member for Cook
P. Norman	Representing the Member for Heffron
M. O'Sullivan	Representing the Member for Marrickville
T. Nardone	Representing the State Member for Sydney, Local Member of Sydney
K. Banfield	Representing the Member for Marrickville Council
P. Fitzgerald	Representing the Member for Botany Bay Council
T. Cassidy	Member for Ashfield
M. Warfield	Member for the Australian Airline Industry
R. Gilmour	Representing Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
W. Bennett	Representing the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia

### **Department of Infrastructure**

D. Southgate	Section Head, Aviation Environment Policy Section
R. Wood	Section Head, Airports Regulation Section
J. Connor	Aviation Environment Policy Section, Secretariat

### **Advisers**

T. Williams	Aviation Community Advocate
R. Dudley	Airservices Australia
R. Lee	Airservices Australia
P. McMahon	Airservices Australia
P. Carroll	Airservices Australia
T. Plummer	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd.
K. Alcott	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd.



H. Knox Overnight Airfreight Operators Association

**Observers**

Nil.

**Apologies**

M. Ellis	Department of Infrastructure
B. Cotter	Community Representative for the North
S. O'Brien	Representing the Member for Rockdale
K. Schreiber	Representing the Member for Sutherland Shire
D. Copley-Finch	Representing the Member for Sydney
F. Sartor	Member for Rockdale
S. McArdle	Representing the Member for Leichhardt
G. Ritchie	Representing the Member for Canterbury Council