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SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

Meeting 2/2008

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

Friday, 30 May 2008

SUMMARY RECORD

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

1.1 Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed members and nominees and thanked members for finalising and submitting the details of their chosen nominees. He requested that attendees to SACF meetings remain consistent for the benefit of informed discussions.

Attachment A lists attendance details.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted. Members agreed to move directly to Agenda Item 4 and discuss the draft submission to the RESA MDP.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Draft Major Development Plan (MDP) on the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) Project

4.1 Update on the RESA MDP

4.2 SACF Submission on the draft MDP

The Chair asked Tony Williams, Aviation Community Advocate, to provide members with a brief update on the coordination of the draft submission.

Mr Williams noted his interactions on the topic with the majority of SACF members or their nominees, and community members, and summarised the main points of the draft submission. He noted that the primary focus of the SACF submission was on minimising the time period of the east-west runway closure, with an effort to suggesting ways in which the noise impacts can be mitigated and respite periods created.

Mr Williams noted the requirement for cooperation between Sydney Airport Corporation and Airservices Australia to create and implement any noise mitigation measures. The submission recognises that there are different groups of residents potentially affected by the RESA project. Some areas will suffer an increase in overflights and, in the worst hit areas significant loss of respite, while others will benefit temporarily during the runway works but be exposed again upon its reopening.

The submission also proposes that the impacts of the RESA proposal will be more severe than has been acknowledged by Sydney Airport Corporation in the draft MDP. Mr Williams recommended that the east-west runway be made available for at least weekend respite and that a process be established whereby the relevant parties can meet and examine noise mitigation measures.

The Chair thanked Mr Williams and asked for a response from Sydney Airport Corporation.

Mr Gilmour noted that as proponent of the MDP, his role as representative of Sydney Airport Corporation was primarily to listen to the suggestions raised by the members without engaging in the discussion. He then summarised the public consultation process undertaken by Sydney Airport Corporation to date, including: release of the draft MDP; advertising and media releases; establishment of an email contact and community information hotline; Council briefings in noise affected areas; distribution of the draft MDP and relevant documents for public exhibition; briefings and an onsite tour for SACF; and presentations to other stakeholders.



The Chair thanked Mr Gilmour and opened the issue to questions and discussion.

The majority of members acknowledged that the RESA construction was necessary, but felt that the runway closure period should be minimised. Several members indicated support for the SACF submission and commended the efforts of Mr Williams in his coordination of the document.

Cr Cassidy indicated he would like the submission to address the issue of implementing a 10 knot downwind criterion for runway selection and the possibility of using Canberra Airport as an alternative airfreight hub during the construction.

Continued discussion focused on the engineering aspects of the draft MDP and several members supported a request that SACF be provided with access to independent engineering advice. Mr Williams suggested that SACF approach the Department and request that he have access to the civil engineering firm who provided independent technical advice on the construction methodology.

Following protracted discussion, the members resolved the following:

1. SACF resolved to receive the draft submission on the RESA MDP prepared by the Aviation Community Advocate in consultation with SACF members, with the following amendments to be included:

- *further engineering advice on crane usage and construction methods which would allow for respite periods;*
- *stronger wording emphasising SACF's expectations that SACL will take any appropriate action to allow for maximum periods of use of the east/west runway;*
- *expectations conveyed that Airservices and SACL will work cooperatively to investigate and implement all available noise sharing options;*

2. SACF resolved to review alternative project designs to the current SACL proposal in its submission on the RESA MDP;

3. SACF requested that the Advocate be provided with access to the Department's independent civil engineering advice;

4. In response to discussion SACF resolved that the IMC be used as a mechanism to analyse options for noise sharing during the RESA construction; and

5. SACF adopted the Chair's suggested timetable of final drafting and submission of the MDP submission as follows:

- Friday 6 June 2008 - members to provide comments in tracked changes to Mr Williams for inclusion in final draft.
- Tuesday 10 June - Chair to receive amended final draft for circulation to members.
- Friday 13 June - all final comments from members to be submitted to Mr Williams.
- Monday 16 June – final submission to Chair for forwarding to SACL.

Action Item 01/02: *SACF to request that the Aviation Community Advocate be provided with access to the independent engineering advice obtained by the Department.*

Action Item 02/02: *IMC be the forum through which SACF analyses noise sharing during the RESA project.*



AGENDA ITEM 7: New Business

7.1 ANARCS Proposal

The Chair noted the intention to bring forward Agenda Item 7 and address the Aircraft Noise Affected Residents Compensation Scheme (ANARCS) Proposal inviting Mr Hill to address the issue. Mr Hill summarised the Aircraft Noise Affected Residents Compensation Scheme which proposes creating a fund to provide interest free loans for noise insulation purposes. Mr Hill put forward the suggestion the proposal be further developed and go forward as a SACF proposal to the Minister. The Department acknowledged the ANARCS proposal and suggested it could potentially be brought forward by SACF as part of its input to the National Aviation Policy Statement process currently being undertaken by the Department.

Members agreed to progress the proposal by forming a subcommittee to further develop the details. Members Hill, Patrinos, Fitzgerald, Clarke and Morrison agreed to contribute to the work of the subcommittee. The Department was asked to prepare a paper on the Sydney Noise Insulation Program for the subcommittee, which will report to SACF at the next meeting.

Action Item 03/02: A subcommittee of SACF members to further develop details of the ANARCS proposal and report back to SACF at the next meeting.

Action Item 04/02: The Department to prepare information on the Sydney Noise Insulation Program and provide this to the ANARCS subcommittee.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Previous Meeting

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting 1/2008 15 February 2008

The draft minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed without amendment.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd

3.1 Report from Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd

Mr Gilmour gave a brief summary of issues current for Sydney Airport. These included:

- passing of amendments to the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act* in the House of Representatives;
- the restrictions in operations at the shortened east-west runway from 3 May;
- notification of routine maintenance work on the main north-south runway to be carried out during curfew over 10 nights;
- plans to release the draft Master Plan later in 2008;
- the construction of a new multi-storey carpark;
- a new baggage handling system;
- World Youth Day coordination update.



AGENDA ITEM 5: Airservices Issues

5.1 Implementation and Monitoring Committee

The Chair asked Mr Hill to report on outcomes of the last IMC meeting. Mr Hill reported that the meeting had followed the visit to the RESA site and had focused primarily on the RESA issue, in addition to ongoing noise analysis of the Airbus A380 aircraft and discussion of the March and April operational statistics.

Mr Morrison requested noise monitoring be undertaken in Bundeena as follow up to a recent increase in complaints from a specific area. Airservices Australia advised that it would investigate recent overflights of Bundeena and provide advice on locating a temporary noise monitoring unit at Bundeena if still required.

Action Item 05/02: Airservices to i) investigate recent overflights of Bundeena and report to IMC, and ii) provide advice on locating a temporary noise monitoring unit at Bundeena.

5.2 Noise Enquiry Unit

Airservices Australia clarified the operations of the Noise Enquiry Unit.

- It is operational from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday with two staff members on phones during this time.
- Enquiries have decreased dramatically compared with 10 years ago. The NEU is now a national enquiry unit.
- New web-based services will be available through the NEU in the next 12-18 months – development will be reported to SACF.
- The NEU can be contacted by phone, voice mail message service, fax and email.

5.3 Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) Targets

No new issues were raised.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Aviation Community Advocate

6.1 Report from Aviation Community Advocate

Mr Williams reported that most of his available time had been devoted to coordinating the SACF submission on the RESA MDP. However, some progress had been made on the modelling of mode availability with new website access to the mode currently in use through the Aviation Community Advocate (ACA) web site, and the noise of the first flight of the day minimised with the assistance of the recently introduced ALOFT program.

Members discussed the recent Aviation Community Advocate review. Some perceived the recommendations made by the review subcommittee to be unjustifiably negative and indicated disagreement with them while confirming their support for both the position and the incumbent, Mr Williams. Following protracted discussion, SACF members resolved through a majority vote that the Review Report should be forwarded to the Minister with the following addendum to the existing two recommendations:



That SACF believes that the Advocate position is a success and that Tony Williams is performing well in the position and should continue.

Action Item 06/02: *Chair to provide the Minister with the report on the review of the Aviation Community Advocate position, with the addition of the addendum supporting retention of the position and its incumbent, Tony Williams.*

AGENDA ITEM 9: Date of next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting take place on 15 or 22 August.

The Chair thanked the attendees and declared the meeting closed.



Actions from Meeting 2/2008 30 May 2008

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ATTENDANCE

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
J. Glyde	Representing the Member for Lowe
D. Cobley-Finch	Representing the Federal Member for Sydney
R. Darke	Representing the Member for Kingsford-Smith
K. Ford	Representing the Member for Watson
C. Connolly	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
T. Tudehope	Representing the Member for Wentworth
S. Morrison	Member for Cook
M. Keft	Representing the Member for Rockdale
M. O'Sullivan	Representing the Member for Marrickville
T. Nardone	Representing the State Member for Sydney, Lord Mayor of Sydney
K. Banfield	Representing Marrickville Council
P. Fitzgerald	Representing Botany Bay Council
C. Allen	Mayor of Leichhardt
T. Cassidy	Mayor of Ashfield
W. Farleigh	Representing Canterbury Council
D. Redmond	Mayor of Sutherland Shire
R. Gilmour	Representing Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
M. Warfield	Australian Airline Industry
W. Bennett	Board of Airline Representatives of Australia

Department of Infrastructure

M. Ellis	General Manager, Aviation Services Branch
D. Southgate	Section Head, Aviation Environment Policy Section
T. Bergmanis	Aviation Environment Policy, Secretariat
B. Reid	Acting Section Head, Regulation Section



Advisers

T. Williams	Aviation Community Advocate
P. Carroll	Airservices Australia
R. Dudley	Airservices Australia
R. Lee	Airservices Australia
K. Owen	Airservices Australia
L. Petroff	Airservices Australia
P. McMahon	Airservices Australia
H. Knox	Overnight Airfreight Operators Association
A. Sellick	Qantas
K. Allcott	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
T. Plummer	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
R. Anderson	Virgin Blue

Observers

A. Ananian-Cooper	Canberra International Airport
B. Chapman	Electorate Office of the Member for Grayndler
A. Rees	No Aircraft Noise
L. Jenkins	Office of the Lord Mayor