



**Sydney Airport
Community Forum**

Meeting 3/2008

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

Friday, 15 August 2008

MEETING SUMMARY RECORD

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

The Chair opened the meeting welcoming members and nominees. The Chair then welcomed Minister Albanese who had attended to address the meeting on the RESA project and sought agreement to bring Agenda Item 3 forward for discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Draft Major Development Plan (MDP) on the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) project.

Minister Albanese to address SACF on the RESA

The Minister thanked the Chair and SACF for the work they have been doing since the Forum's recommencement. He expressed his confidence that, 'no stone had indeed been left unturned' to minimise disruption to noise sharing during the RESA works, and thanked members of SACF for participating in that process, particularly the members of the Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC).

The Minister explained that SACF was hearing the results of his decision first and appreciated that there had been no leak to the media; he noted credit to IMC members and said he hoped (the exercise) was an indication of a change in the way the airport and the community dealt with each other.

The Minister advised of his approval of the works with 22 stringent conditions and outlined four key points relating to the project including:

- community consultation requirements with regular meetings between the IMC and Sydney Airport; a requirement for community complaints line and general information to be regularly provided to the community; and the potential need for an additional SACF meeting;
- that the east-west runway will remain open with a jet blast barrier constructed at the end of the west runway to ensure take-offs to the east;
- the Minister assuring SACF that he considered all points included in the SACF submission, appreciated the work done by Tony Williams and individual SACF members, and had left no stone unturned on noise management options during the project. All proposals were examined and expert advice sought; he stated that Mode 15 will be implemented for the period of the project to allow for flights to the north-east rather than to the old Bennelong funnel; and
- reduced timing for the works, from the original 15 months to only eight months which will be achieved through implementation of shifts that operate 22 hours per day. The proposal to take cranes down would extend the timing of the works and the directive from CASA was from the safety perspective the work needed to be done in the minimum time possible.

The Minister advised Airservices would take the meeting through a presentation on all options considered and then took questions from members – including on the use of the east-west runway during the eight months and maximising the use of SODPROPS. The Minister then thanked members and left the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Confirmation of Draft Meeting Summary Record

The draft minutes of the previous meeting of 30 May 2008 were confirmed without amendment.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Draft Major Development Plan (MDP) on the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) project.

Update on the noise sharing options during RESA – Presentation by Airservices Australia

Mr Dudley, Airservices Australia took the meeting through a PowerPoint presentation on the work done by Airservices in conjunction with the airport and the Department to examine all possible options (including those identified by SACF) to reduce the impact of the necessary RESA safety works.

This included a range of noise sharing modes considered in the development of the original Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) and examination of potential new modes. The principals of the LTOP are still the primary mode of operation during RESA and maximising movements over water through the use of SODPROPS is still the number one objective of air traffic control when weather and traffic permit these operations.

Airservices had completed safety assessments into the use of the 07 runway during the project to allow for take-offs to the east and after careful consideration, decided that it would be possible potentially for up to 20 aircraft a week to take off from runway 07. Airservices also looked at infrastructure and new technologies for potential solutions.

Airservices is continuing to look at ways to better balance modes 9 and 10, which is a core issue for the monthly IMC meetings. Mr Dudley also advised that it is proposed Mode 15 (landings on runway 34L and departures on runway 34R) would be used during the project.

Mr Dudley reinforced the continuing role for IMC in monitoring the issues during the RESA works, including discussion of the downwind issue and then took questions from members.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Airservices Issues

5.2 Update on Bundeena noise issues

Mr Dudley stated that some aircraft are using a departure procedure which is putting them over places where previously aircraft had not been before. He noted that more work is being done by Airservices to find out why this is occurring.

Mr Dudley also stated that he didn't believe it would be necessary to use a portable noise monitor as Airservices are tracking movements on their existing noise and flight path monitoring system. Mr Dudley undertook to keep members informed of the outcome of Airservices investigations on this issue.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Draft Major Development Plan (MDP) on the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) project.

3.5 Discussion on Next Steps

Mr John Clarke stated that as a request of the last SACF meeting, and at the Minister's direction, IMC is to continue to look at and monitor the RESA works and any noise mitigation measures during the works.

Mr Clarke then welcomed ideas and ongoing involvement from additional SACF members, for participation in IMC.

Mr Kevin Hill confirmed, as the RESA project is now going ahead, the importance for each community representative to report back on any noise related issues as IMC will be meeting on a regular basis.

Mr Clarke then added that IMC has actively discussed the monitoring of the balance between Modes 9 and 10 and is attempting to ensure that no one part of the community was left worse off than any other.

Mr Clarke requested that SACF, through the Secretariat, look at a mechanism to share information with SACF members out of session as it's collected and reviewed by the IMC.

Action Item 01/03: SACF Secretariat to provide a mechanism through which information collected and reviewed by IMC is made available to all SACF members.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Sydney Airport Corporation Limited

4.1 Report from SACL

Mr Rod Gilmour outlined that the major issues for SACL are currently the RESA and the Preliminary Draft Master Plan and focused his report around them. He explained that, in addition to briefing provided to SACF in past meetings, SACL has conducted briefings with a range of stakeholders including various Federal, State and Local Government authorities as well as various aviation industry stakeholders including airlines, car rental companies and freight handling companies.

4.2 Upcoming Master Plan for Sydney Airport

SACL anticipates that the formal public consultation period will commence some time during September and will end some time at the end of the year before school holidays commence.

Mr Gilmour advised that numerous opportunities will be provided to the public to view and comment on the Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) and that community updates will be published through local media. Further, that information will be available:

- on the Sydney Airport's web site;
- via community information lines and a dedicated email account which will be set up; and

- through community information days which will be held in shopping centres around the airport. SACL will also be providing presentations to councils and other groups as required.

Mr Gilmour then offered to provide a detailed briefing for SACF on the PDMP once it is released for its consideration.

SACF resolved to convene a special meeting in order to receive a detailed presentation from SACL on the PDMP once it is released.

***Action Item 02/03:** SACF Secretariat to convene a special SACF meeting at the beginning of October once the Draft Master Plan is released, so to receive a presentation from SACL.*

SACF resolved that, as with the RESA Major Development Plan, its submission on the PDMP will be co-ordinated through the ACA.

***Action Item 03/03:** The ACA, Mr Tony Williams, is to co-ordinate SACF's submission on SACL's Draft Master Plan.*

AGENDA ITEM 5: Airservices Australia

5.1 Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC)

John Clarke gave the update which explained that IMC had met three times since the last SACF meeting, as per the Minister's direction for IMC to meet monthly during the RESA. He explained that the vast majority of the discussions at the meetings had been devoted to RESA, with the Committee presenting a number of potential options as mitigation measures. These ranged from periodic reinstatement of the east-west runway, enhancing the use of SODPROPS so that operations would be predominantly over water and raising and lowering cranes.

Mr Clarke expressed some disappointment with the July IMC meeting and advised the August meeting had received the Airservices presentation on all the options that had been considered. Mr Clarke further outlined that Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) had made a presentation on potential new technologies and procedures that could be used at the airport.

Mr Clarke noted that it would be worth Qantas presenting to SACF on these technologies and procedures, and that Qantas had already agreed to do so.

***Action Item 04/04:** SACF Secretariat to organise an appropriate time for QANTAS to present to SACF on new technologies and procedures that could be used at the airport.*

AGENDA ITEM 6: Aviation Community Advocate

6.1 Report from the Aviation Community Advocate

The Aviation Community Advocate (ACA), Mr Tony Williams noted that his primary focus over the last three months has been on the RESA and the preparation of the MDP submission on behalf of SACF. He stated that he had spent a large amount of time undertaking computer modelling,



which will be useful in the context of the RESA, looking at the current patterns of noise exposure and how they might vary. He explained that these patterns will be useful in the context of any response that might be made for the Department's White Paper on a National Aviation Policy Statement as well as the Draft Master Plan.

Mr Williams explained that up to 20 different noise measures can be presented in graphical form depending on the wishes of members, and that these graphs could be used by members to assist their constituents. He informed members that the SACF Secretariat would be provided with examples of work he has done based on the 2006 ANEI.

6.2 Advocate's Work Program

The Chair noted that the meeting had earlier agreed to task the co-ordination of the SACF submission on the Airport's DMP to the ACA and invited any other discussion regarding the ACA Work Program.

The meeting noted the importance of SACF making comment on the Government's Green Paper for the National Aviation Policy Statement, and thought this an obvious task for the ACA. It was also noted that previously, a SACF subgroup had worked on a detailed Work Program for the ACA and it was suggested this subgroup be put in place again.

SACF resolved that the ACA will be tasked to co-ordinate SACF's submission on the Government's Green Paper.

Action Item 05/03: *The ACA, Mr Tony Williams, is to co-ordinate SACF's submission on the Government's Green Paper.*

On the ACA Work Program issue, Departmental representative, Ms Maureen Ellis advised members the contract for the ACA is held with the Department and within that contract is the constitution of a subgroup to develop the Work Program for the ACA. Given the amount of work the ACA is currently tasked to do, Ms Ellis offered that the Department provide members, through the Chair, a one page summary identifying the framework for the current Work Program, a copy of the existing Work Program as well as the current priorities the ACA is to focus on until the end of the year. This would allow members to consider the ACA Work Program and its future intersessionally. Members welcomed this proposal.

Action Item 06/03: *The Department to prepare a one page summary paper, for circulation to members through the Chair, identifying the original Work Program and the current priorities the ACA is to focus on until the end of the year.*

AGENDA ITEM 7: Current Issues

7.1 Update from the ANARCS subcommittee

It was noted that the subcommittee met on 7 August 2008.

Mr Kevin Hill informed members that the subcommittee is looking at how the process should move forward and explained that as the airport grows, an increasing amount of homes will be

affected by noise; if the program is to be based specifically on ANEFs, then they need to get some sort of indication of the number of houses that are going to be affected. He continued to explain that the current insulation program has only insulated up to the 25 and 30 ANEFs. However, one of the main issues is that the requirements by councils when approving extensions to houses are to make insulation determinations based on the ANEF contours which are totally different and are a worst case scenario.

He further explained that a large amount of discussion had focussed around funding of the proposed program, and whether this should be operated via interest free loans, whether it should be a rebate to those noise affected residents, or if it be provided in the form of HECS style loans. Discussion also focussed around whether the funding should be means tested or not.

Mr Hill advised they would be approaching the Department to provide information concerning the number of houses inside the 25 and 20 ANEF zones, so that the subcommittee can begin costings and draw actual figures.

Action Item 07/03: *The ANARCS Subcommittee to follow up with the Department on information required regarding the number of houses inside the 25 and 20 ANEF zones.*

It was noted in the meeting that the State Department of Planning is issuing a study in relation to an approved process for aircraft noise affected properties and the ANEF. The meeting noted that consequences of this new study could be that councils will not be allowed to approve new residences in accordance with the ANEF, and also raises issues with extensions to existing residences.

The meeting resolved that it would be useful for a representative of the State Department of Planning to give SACF a presentation on the new directive.

Action Item 08/03: *SACF, through the Chair, to write to the Director General of State Planning and invite a representative to make a presentation on the new study on aircraft noise planning at the next SACF meeting.*

7.2 Update on the National Aviation Policy Statement

Ms Maureen Ellis provided an update on the process informing the meeting that the period for public consultation on the Issues Paper closed on 27 June 2008. The Department received over 280 submissions and the majority of these are available on the Department's web site.

She continued that the Department has engaged a consultant to provide advice on community consultation with a specific focus on the community/airport relationship. The Green Paper will be released by the Minister by the end of September for public comment. Ms Ellis stated that it is proposed the White Paper will be released in mid 2009.

Ms Ellis confirmed that there will be no consideration of any changes to the existing curfew or cap at Sydney Airport, and noted that the issues to be canvassed in the Green Paper include:

- options for reducing community noise exposure and how technology will contribute to this;
- existing land use planning measures and any potential options for improvement;
- a better noise information framework for the community, local councils, State Government, airports and Federal Government; and

- improved consultation with communities.

SACF resolved that the Department give a presentation on the Green Paper, in preparation for SACFs submission, once it was released. Ideally this would be at the same meeting that SACF presented its DMP.

Action Item 09/03: The Department to present the Green Paper at the special SACF meeting, in October 2008.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Administrative Matters

SACF Correspondence

The Chair referred members to the correspondence details included in meeting papers. Ms Ellis advised that SACF had received correspondence from a community member regarding the accuracy of references in the June 2007 meeting summary. Ms Ellis noted a difficulty in changing the minutes as they have already been endorsed by SACF. She suggested to the meeting that the SACF Secretariat, through the ACA and other relevant SACF members prepare an addendum to address the issues raised by the community member, consult with the author and once agreed, include the addendum on the web site.

Action Item 10/03: The SACF Secretariat, through the ACA and other SACF members, prepare an addendum for discussion with the author to accompany the June 2007 meeting minutes.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Next Meeting

The meeting resolved that a special meeting to allow for the presentation on Sydney Airport's Master Plan and the Government's Green Paper be held in the beginning of October 2008.

Actions from Meeting 3, 15 August 2008

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ATTENDANCE

The Hon. Minister Albanese	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Mr Antony Sachs	Minister's Advisor
Mr Ben Chapman	Minister's Office

Members

V. Smith	Chair, Community Representative for the East
B. Cotter	Community Representative for the North
T. Bull	Representing the Community representative for the West
K. Hill	Community Representative for the South
J. Glyde	Representing the Member for Lowe
D. Cobley-Finch	Representing the 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, Local Member of Sydney
K. Banfield	Representing the Member for Marrickville Council
P. Norman	Representing the Member for Heffron
P. Fitzgerald	Representing the Member of Botany Bay Council
S. McArdle	Representing the Member for Leichhardt
T. Cassidy	Member for Ashfield
G. Ritchie	Representing the Member for Canterbury Council
K. Schreiber	Representing the Member for Sutherland Shire
R. Gilmour	Representing Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
W. Bennett	Representing the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia

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