

DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

Meeting 2/2017, 19 May 2017

AGENDA ITEM 1 Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

The Chair welcomed members and guests. The Chair made special welcome to Cr Michael Forshaw from Sutherland Shire Council for his first meeting.

The Chair noted apologies from Ms Maria Patrinos, Community Representative for the West. Ms Patrinos asked Tony Williams to be her proxy for the meeting. There were no objections to Mr Williams as proxy.

AGENDA ITEM 2 Confirmation of Draft Summary Record of Meeting 1/2017

The draft agenda was circulated on 15 March 2017. Mr Hayes provided some proposed suggestions that have been incorporated.

No further changes were suggested.

2.2 *Action items arising from previous meetings*

All actions from the previous meeting have been completed or were on the Agenda for discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 3 Community Question Time

The Chair thanked Airservices for providing a large volume of information in a short space of time for community question time. The Chair also asked that community questions be submitted at least seven days prior to future meetings.

A constituent of Reid raised concerns regarding aircraft noise experienced by Concord residents between 9:00pm and 10:00pm. In replying to the constituent's correspondence, the Chair agreed to raise this issue at Community Question Time as Community Question 1.

Ms Jost from Airservices provided some background information on why the constituent would experience noise at this time of the evening. Long haul flights are scheduled by airlines to depart before curfew, resulting in a departure burst of heavy jets between 9.00pm and curfew. Whilst night noise sharing is implemented whenever possible, residents

affected by 34L departures may experience movements at these times because some of the noise sharing modes provide for 34L use by heavy jets.

Ms Jost also provided background information on the predominant southerly weather conditions experienced by Sydney from February to early April. These weather conditions impinged on the use of noise sharing modes and put the burden of noise on those in the arrival and departure paths of Mode 10 of the Long Term Operating Plan. Community Questions 2 and 3 were from constituents in the North Shore and Kurnell which are suburbs predominantly affected by Mode 10.

Airservices provided information in the agenda papers in response to questions raised by a resident from North Epping. Mr Clarke commented on the high quality of both the questions and answers in Community Question Time. There was some discussion regarding publicly available sources enabling analysis of flight paths. Airservices confirmed they can provide advanced analysis but those features are not available to the general public at this point in time.

A resident from Rozelle submitted a question regarding the terms of reference for SACF and the credentials of community representatives. Ms Horrocks provided an overview of the SACF Terms of Reference and outlined the process of membership for the forum in which the Minister appoints the Chair and, in consultation the Chair, appoints members.

Ms Horrocks spoke about the importance of the community representatives as a voice for the local community who provide useful feedback on airport operations and proposals. The community representatives then discussed the value of being independent representatives of the community, the knowledge they have attained during their long tenures on the Forum and how they undertake advocacy work on behalf of community members.

AGENDA ITEM 4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman

Ms Bell, Aircraft Noise Ombudsman, provided an overview of the findings from the UK study "Survey of noise attitudes 2014: Aircraft". The study found evidence that non-acoustic factors such as noise sensitivity, socio-economic status and expectations around aircraft noise into the future influence reported aircraft noise annoyance, and these non-acoustic factors may be as important as the noise exposure level. This research adds to the data known about noise annoyance.

The presentation of these results led to discussion surrounding the relevance of the international studies on any potential update of the ANEFs. Community representatives advocated for a renewal of the ANEF study. Ms Horrocks reiterated the Australian Governments' position the international studies on noise should be completed and their

relevance to an Australian context be considered prior to examining whether a future study is needed.

Mr Plummer also pointed out the limitations of ANEF and how it is best used as part of a suite of measures. It was agreed to write to Mr Andrew Hede to enquire in his view as an individual involved with the 1982 NAL Study, if any international studies existed or were being undertaken that would impact the decision whether or not a review of the 1982 NAL study should be undertaken.

Action Item 01/02 – Secretariat to write to Mr Andrew Hede to enquire if any international studies existed or were being undertaken that would impact the decision whether or not to review the 1982 NAL study.

AGENDA ITEM 5 Western Sydney Airport Report

Garth Taylor, General Manager, Western Sydney Unit provided an update on progress with the Western Sydney Airport (WSA). Mr Taylor detailed the Sydney Airport decision that it will not take up the opportunity under its right of first refusal to build and operate WSA. WSA will be developed by the government on the same terms as those offered to Sydney Airport.

Mr Taylor detailed the next steps for a WSA which will include the establishment of the Western Sydney Airport Corporation who will build and operate the airport. With construction to begin by the end of 2018, a tender for an early works package is expected to be issued by the end of 2017.

Details of the Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FOWSA) and the Aviation Expert Steering Group were shared with the Forum, as well as details on the initial stage one development of the airport, which will consist of one 3.7km runway. The initial capacity at WSA is expected to be 10 million passengers per year.

There was discussion in the forum regarding the impact WSA airspace would have on Sydney Airport. Mr Taylor outlined how Stage 1 operations would not impact on noise sharing and airspace design for Sydney Airport. There was also discussion around construction timelines of WSA and whether this would affect capacity and noise sharing at Sydney.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Sydney Airport Report

Mr Plummer reported on a number of roadwork projects to improve ground transport access for motorists and buses, and a shared pedestrian-cycleway to improve access for cyclists and pedestrians. The airport has purchased six electric buses to service airport shuttle routes; this will reduce carbon emissions by 160 tonnes per year. Sydney Airport is also trialling electric vehicles and is investigating re-charging buses from solar panels.

Sydney Airport is currently reviewing its stakeholder engagement arrangements. The airport is looking at worldwide engagement models and aims for closer engagement with the community. This may involve setting up a Community Airport Consultation Group leading into the Master Plan process.

Mr Plummer detailed recent announcements, including the airport's sponsorship of Vivid for 2017, the decision not to build the Western Sydney Airport and Kerrie Mather's recent decision to retire from the CEO position. It is anticipated a new CEO will start from late 2017/early 2018.

Sydney Airport updated the Forum on discussions with RMS on the Sydney Gateway project. Negotiations on the project are ongoing, as it is a complicated project due to airspace and contamination issues.

AGENDA ITEM 7 Airservices Australia Report

During the first quarter 339 complainants raised issues, which is a significant rise from quarter 1 last year (218). This was due to unusual weather patterns with predominantly southerly winds, which restricted noise sharing modes.

Noise sharing was heavily restricted due to weather conditions, with heavy use of Mode 10. The majority of complainants involved Mode 10 usage. Weather diversions resulted in people experiencing aircraft noise who don't typically experience aircraft noise. These diversions only occur due to weather related safety issues.

LTOP targets were not reached due to weather conditions. There was heavier use of Precision Runway Monitoring (PRM) in February and March 2017 due to weather patterns but this has returned to normal levels in April 2017 (one use per week).

AGENDA ITEM 8 Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC) Report

Mr Hill reported on the two IMC meetings held since the last SACF meeting. The issue of 767 freighters landing on 34R runway has been mostly resolved as Air NZ is no longer flying

that type of freighters into Sydney Airport. When safe to do so, Airservices will try to land the Qantas 767 freighters on 34L.

Work is continuing on moving the curfew departure through the Kurnell sandhills, with the environmental assessment underway. Qantas are continuing to discuss RNP landings on 34L and 34R as an alternative to direct ILS landings. They are currently working through potential safety issues on the simulators. RNP landings will provide significant noise relief for Kurnell if implemented.

IMC and Sydney Airport are looking into allowing a contingency departure at Alpha 5 on Runway 34L, as the current procedures have occasionally blocked the runway if aircraft cannot turn around at the threshold point. SACF members will be kept updated on any procedure changes.

IMC discussed the noise complaints over Greenhills (Shearwater Estate). IMC members will work with Sutherland Shire Council to provide text from 149 Certificates to IMC as the area has been classified as noise affected by the Sutherland Shire Council.

The Forum discussed the effectiveness of noise warnings on 149 Certificates, as the warnings on planning certificates haven't always been effective in educating land owners of the impacts of noise.

AGENDA ITEM 7 Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development Reports

Agenda Item 7.1 Curfew Dispensation Report

Since the last SACF meeting two Curfew Dispensation Reports have been tabled in Parliament. On 23 March 2017 a report was tabled for curfew dispensations between 2 February 2017 and 20 March 2017. In this period three dispensations were granted and zero were refused for aircraft at Sydney Airport.

On 9 May 2017 a report was tabled for curfew dispensations between 21 March and 2 May 2017. In this period nine dispensations were granted and two were refused.

Agenda Item 7.2 Business Jet Curfew Movements

The Department continues to monitor business jet movements after curfew. Between 1 January 2017 and 31 March 2017 there were 55 movements by business jets during the curfew. During the quarter there were 29 medical or emergency movements, and five movements by two new aircraft types able to operate during the curfew since the review in 2014.

7.3 SACF correspondence

The correspondence report was noted.

7.4 SACF Telephone Line

The SACF telephone report was noted.

7.5 Airports Amendment Bill 2016

Ms Horrocks provided an update of the progress of the Airports Amendment Bill 2016.

On 9 February 2017 the Selection of Bills Committee referred the Bill to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for an inquiry. On 28 March 2017 the committee tabled an interim report, extending the final reporting date for the inquiry to the first sitting day of March 2018.

AGENDA ITEM 11 Other Business

Mr Stewart, representative for the Member for Bradfield, raised correspondence from a constituent who queried why precision based navigation and improved navigation technology have not been introduced into the Sydney Basin.

The forum discussed limitations of the satellite based technology and concerns over the potential for noise concentration when the technology was first introduced. It was agreed by the Forum the issue should be revisited whilst acknowledging ongoing discussions of this issue at IMC.

SACF agreed to request an update from Airservices on the current RNP technologies. The Forum agreed a letter should be drafted to the Minister from the Chair asking for a review of RNP arrangements at Sydney, with the draft letter to be circulated for discussion at the next SACF meeting.

Action Item 02/02 – Secretariat to organise an update from Airservices on RNP technology at the next SACF meeting.

Action Item 03/02 – Secretariat to draft letter to the Minister from the Chair requesting a review of RNP arrangements at Sydney. Draft letter to be circulated for discussion at the next SACF Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 12 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Secretariat will circulate proposed dates for the next meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Members

J.	Alexander	Chair
J.	Adams	Representing the Member for Cook
B.	Abrams	Representing the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia
J.	Clarke	Representing the Member for Bennelong
R.	Edney	Virgin Australia
B.	Hayes	Community Representative for the North
K.	Hill	Community Representative for the South
N.	Moncreiff-Hill	Representing the Member for Kingsford Smith
T.	Williams	Proxy for Community Representative for the West
J.	Patterson	Representing the Member for Heffron
S.	Patterson	Representing the Member for Grayndler
T.	Plummer	Representing the Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
L.	Sierakowski	Representing the Member for North Sydney
M.	Forshaw	Representing the Sutherland Shire Council
J.	Ward	Assistant to the Chair
J.	Stewart	Representing the Member for Bradfield

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

T.	De Raadt	Assistant Director, NSW Airports Section
L.	Horrocks	General Manager, Airports Branch
J.	McKinnon	NSW Airports Section, SACF Secretariat
G.	Taylor	General Manager, Western Sydney Unit

Airservices Australia

R.	Chambers	Sydney Operations Manager
R.	Jost	Noise Complaints and Information Service

Aircraft Noise Ombudsman

N.	Bell	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman
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Observers

K.	Allcott	Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
P.	Coleman	Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
G.	Holt	Epping Resident
I.	Koernicke	Sutherland Shire Council
M.	McCullough	Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
T.	Neal	Emu Plains Resident
D.	Stani	Overnight Air Operators Association
E.	Wolf	Randwick City Council