

# DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD

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## SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

Meeting 1/2018, 16 March 2018

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

The Chair welcomed members and guests and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land. The Chair made special welcome to the Inner West Council who were appointed to SACF by the former Minister the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP. Inner West Council was previously represented by Marrickville and Leichardt councils.

The Chair noted apologies from Mr Bob Hayes and Ms Maria Patrinos. The Chair also noted apologies from Mr Jon Stewart, the representative for the Member for Bradfield, Councillor Michael Forshaw from Sutherland Shire Council, Councillor Darcy Byrne from the Inner West Council and Narelle Bell, the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2      Confirmation of Draft Summary Record of Meeting 2/2017**

The draft summary record was circulated on 10 October 2017. No changes were suggested.

#### **2.2      *Action items arising from previous meetings***

All actions from the previous meeting were completed or were on the agenda for discussion. Discussion on RNP has been postponed until the next meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3      Community Question Time**

Community questions were received from Ryde, the Eastern Suburbs and the Blue Mountains. Ms Jost from Airservices explained all the questions were linked to the use of the parallel runways, which is higher during the summer months due to increased air traffic. Suburbs such as Ryde and West Ryde are affected by the parallel runways when there is a southerly wind direction, with the Eastern Suburbs and the Blue Mountains affected when there is a northerly wind direction. Sydney wind patterns have predominantly northerly or southerly wind components.

Noise over Rose Bay and the Eastern Suburbs is from aircraft being vectored towards the approach path of the parallel runways heading towards Botany Bay.

Blue Mountains affected by departures is from a way point at Katoomba.

Ms Betts, the representative for the Member for Wentworth raised noise issues over Rose Bay and enquired whether it was a result of pilots deviating from the flight path. Airservices

explained that sometimes, for traffic management when there is high volume of arrivals they take some aircraft off the standard route over the ocean to ensure the separation of aircraft. These aircraft tend to be held over land as they would encounter departing aircraft if they were further out to sea. The mix of traffic at Sydney Airport also means that some aircraft are unable to directly follow each other due to turbulence and speed issues.

**Action Item 1/01 – Airservices to provide a count of aircraft deviating from standard routes over the Eastern Suburbs.**

**Action Item 2/01 – Airservices to examine the impact on vertical separation of moving flights over Eastern Suburbs 2-3 kilometres east. Airservices will provide detailed flight numbers over the last couple of years for discussion at IMC with results discussed at the next SACF meeting.**

**Action Item 3/01 – Airservices to provide numbers of aircraft flying over Ryde/West Ryde/East Ryde**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4      Discussion on letter from Professor Hede**

An outcome of the last SACF meeting was to write to Professor Hede requesting further scope and cost of the research he had proposed to undertake. A letter requesting this was sent by the Secretariat in 06 November 2017, however a response had not yet been received.

An additional outcome from the last meeting was for a letter to be sent to the Minister requesting funding for the proposed research. A draft letter to the Minister was approved by members however price and scope will be required before the letter can be sent.

**Action Item 4/01 – The Secretariat to check contact details for Professor Hede.**

The Chair provided an update from the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (ANO) regarding the Federal Aviation Agency's (FAA) noise-dose survey. The survey results and draft report are currently under review by the FAA in coordination with the (US) Department of Transportation. It is anticipated the survey results will be released publicly in the first half of 2018.

**Action Item 5/01 - The Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (ANO) has committed to updating SACF when these FAA noise dose survey results are released.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5      Sydney Airport Report**

Mr Plummer provided an overview of Sydney Airport's 2017 results including an update of the economic impacts of Sydney Airport on the Australian/New South Wales economy, the airport's environmental performance results and the major projects and infrastructure

upgrades throughout 2017. Sydney Airport has had strong growth from East Asia and employs over 31,000 people on site at the airport.

Mr Plummer outlined the planned community engagement and consultation for the Sydney Master Plan 2039. Mr Plummer asked members of the Forum to consider issues in the 2039 Master Plan they would like addressed, to enable these issues to be considered in the Master Plan.

Exhibition of the Master Plan will occur in August, it was agreed SACF will provide feedback to Sydney Airport on the Masterplan at the June 2018 meeting.

**Action Item 06/01 – Sydney Airport will circulate an information pack to members regarding the Master Plan.**

Mr Plummer ran through the requirements and key assumptions of the Master Plan including the environment strategy and the five-year ground transport plan.

SACF will also be invited to take a tour of the airport during the public exhibition process.

The Forum had a wider discussion on planning measures regarding noise, the utility of the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast and how the Commonwealth assesses incursions into the Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS). This will be the first Sydney Master Plan that addresses airport safe guarding.

**AGENDA ITEM 6      Airservices Australia Report**

Airservices Australia provided an overview of 2017. There was a total number of 788 complainants in 2017 compared to 869 in 2016. The majority of complaints related to standard flight paths (84%), however some complaints related to helicopter movements and curfew movements. Airservices confirmed that LTOP performance did not meet the targets for 2017

Modes 9 and 10, the peak period parallel runway modes, were used the most in 2017:

- Mode 9 - 46% of time
- Mode 10 - 41% of time

Either Mode 9 or Mode 10 are always used in the peak periods of 7-11am and 3 - 8pm.

The most-used noise sharing mode was SODPROPS - 4.5% (all arrivals and departures over the bay).

Mr Chambers detailed the one exceedence of the Movement Cap in 2017, where a transcription error lead to 81 flights occurring in an hour rather than the legislated 80 movements per hour.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7      Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC) Report**

Mr Clarke and Mr Hill reported on the two IMC meetings held since the last SACF meeting of 1 September 2017. Discussions at IMC continued around roadworks at the airport and disruptions to the East-West runway due to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) works.

Work on a Smartracking curved approach for Runway 34 Left is still ongoing at IMC. Airservices is currently testing a dashboard of noise metrics with IMC. The noise metrics will integrate with Airservices WebTrak system. SACF will be updated on progress of this dashboard.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8      Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development Reports**

Mr Sutherland advised the group of the new Minister, the Hon Michael McCormack MP. The ministerial arrangements since last August were also discussed.

The progress of the Western Sydney Airport was discussed. Mr Sutherland informed the Forum that the company delivering the Western Sydney Airport WSA Co formed in August 2017 and Graham Millet has been appointed as CEO.

##### ***8.1      Curfew Dispensation Report***

Since the last SACF meeting eight Curfew Dispensation Reports had been tabled in Parliament. In this period 49 dispensations were granted and 14 were refused for aircraft at Sydney Airport. Compared to previous years this was slightly higher, however most dispensations came from several weather events in the latter half of 2017.

Mr Sutherland asked Forum members if they would be comfortable with condensed reporting on the curfew dispensation reports, given the reports are also publically available on the Departmental website. It was agreed a summary of curfew dispensation reports would be prepared with links to the full reports.

##### ***8.2      Business Jet Curfew Movements***

The Department continues to monitor business jet movements after curfew. Between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018 there were 38 movements by business jets during the

curfew. During the quarter there were 22 medical or emergency movements, and three movements by aircraft types able to operate during the curfew since the review in 2014.

### **8.3 SACF correspondence**

The correspondence report was noted. Mr Sutherland detailed the correspondence received regarding the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (RRAT) Committee Inquiry on 'The operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities'. As the focus on the committee was on rural matters rather than Sydney Airport it was decided not to have a SACF submission although members were free to make a private submission.

### **8.4 SACF Telephone Line**

The SACF telephone report was noted.

### **Airports Amendment Bill**

Mr Sutherland reported on the progress of the RRAT Inquiry on the Airports Amendment Bill. The Inquiry report is to be released on 19 March 2018.

### **Action Item 07/01 –SACF Secretariat to circulate Airports Amendment Bill Inquiry report to members.**

### **Sunsetting**

Mr Sutherland detailed upcoming sunset provisions where regulations cease to have effect unless new regulations are put into place. Sunset provisions affect a range of aviation regulations including regulations that affect building control on airports, environmental controls on airports, airspace protection and demand management at Sydney.

Mr Sutherland indicated the Department would be undertaking consultation on sunset and would circulate relevant discussion papers to SACF.

Mr Sutherland then outlined the Productivity Commission's review of the economic regulation of airports. The review occurs every five years and examines the appropriateness of economic regulation of airport services at the federally leased airports. The review will commence in 2018 with findings expected to come out in 2019.

### **AGENDA ITEM 9 Other Business**

Mr Abrams outlined the Board of Airline Representatives (BARA) recent publication on environmentally sustainable growth, which included looking at technological solutions to



reduce the impact of aviation emissions and noise. The publication also looks at reviewing the noise framework at Sydney.

Mr Chambers outlined some of the airspace arrangements during the ASEAN summit including more potential noise from helicopters and military aircraft.

**AGENDA ITEM 11      Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 8 June 2018.



## **ATTENDANCE**

### **Members**

J.	Alexander	Chair
B.	Abrams	Representing the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia
J.	Adams	Representing the Member for Cook
J.	Clarke	Representing the Member for Bennelong
R.	Edney	Virgin Australia
I.	Koernicke	Representing the Sutherland Shire Council
C.	Hawkins	Representing the Member for Sydney
K.	Hill	Community Representative for the South
J.	Patterson	Representing the Member for Heffron
T.	Plummer	Representing the Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
J.	Lane	Representing the Member for North Sydney
Z.	Solomon	Representing the Member for Summer Hill
J.	Ward	Assistant to the Chair

### **Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development**

A.	Sutherland	Director, NSW Airports Section
C.	McNabb	Assistant Director, NSW Airports Section
J.	McKinnon	NSW Airports Section, SACF Secretariat

### **Airservices Australia**

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

### **Observers**

K.	Allcott	Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
G.	Holt	Epping Resident
I.	Koernicke	Sutherland Shire Council
T.	Neal	Emu Plains Resident
R.	Schuck	Sydney Airport Corporation Limited