



# SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

Final

## SUMMARY RECORD

Twenty-Third Meeting of the  
Sydney Airport Community Forum  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor, 70 Phillip Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

**3 December 1999**

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

The meeting opened at 9.05 am.

The Chair welcomed Members. The Chair also noted that there were a number of proxies at the meeting and introduced these people. A list of those attending is attached.

The Agenda for the meeting was adopted with no amendments.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2: Confirmation of Summary Record of the Twenty-second Meeting (14 September 1999).**

The Summary Record of the twenty-second SACF meeting was accepted without revision.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: Matters arising/outstanding and Agenda Items carried over from previous meetings**

#### *3.1 Australian Air Transport Association (AATA) – representation on SACF*

The Chair advised Members that the Minister of Transport and Regional Services had requested their views with regard to a proposal from the AATA that both Qantas and Ansett be accepted as members of the Forum. Members discussed the possible membership of both Qantas and Ansett and resolved to advise the Minister of the following:

“The SACF supports the proposal that a senior representative of both Qantas and Ansett be added to the membership of Forum for a six month trial period. The Forum proposes that that membership be reviewed at the end of that period.”

*Action 23/1: The Chair to advise the Minister of the above resolution*

### *3.2 Outstanding Correspondence*

The Chair advised Members that the Minister had responded to his letter of 23 September 1999 conveying the outcomes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The Chair also advised the Forum that he was awaiting a reply from Professor David Flint, Chair of the Australian Broadcasting Authority regarding Qantas' role in the “Cash for Comments” affair. There was no other outstanding correspondence since the previous meeting of the Forum.

### *3.3 Runway 34L Departures by Long Haul Aircraft*

Members were advised of the analysis undertaken by the Department of Transport and Regional Services on Radar 7 departures and the Richmond SID. Mr Bourke spoke to the letter that Qantas had written on this issue. Members noted with concern the Qantas proposal that a new arrangement be discussed at IMC for 34 L departures and also noted with concern that Qantas and United Airlines were the only companies not taking the Richmond SID.

### *3.4 Airservices reassessment of Mode 4 (SODPROPS)*

Mr McLean of Airservices Australia advised Members that his efforts to increase the use of Mode 4 had been successful to date as demonstrated by the 4 per cent use of SODPROPS in November compared to 1.5 per cent in October.

The Chair thanked Airservices for the efforts of Air Traffic Control in increasing the use of Mode 4.

Mr Balzola tabled the following motion, to be discussed at the next SACF meeting, with respect to Mode 4 usage:

“Mode 4 can never work because landings from the south occur on the main N/S runway. Take-offs to the south are on the short N/S runway. The problem with Mode 4 is that as soon as there is a long haul, heavily laden take-off, the air traffic controllers have to turn the airport around so that take-offs to the south are on the main N/S runway. Mode 2 should be discussed as the only viable option – all take-offs to the south occur on the main N/S runway, all landings from the south occur on the shorter N/S runway.”

*Action 23/2: This motion to be discussed at the next meeting of the Forum.*

### *3.5 Assessment of noise levels at Mascot Public School*

Mrs Deirdre Grusovin MLA advised that she intended to continue to pursue the issue of insulation for Mascot Public School. Members subsequently resolved the following motion:

“SACF calls upon the Minister to expand the insulation program to take in Mascot Public School given its close, if not immediate, proximity to the border of the scheme.”

*Action 23/3: The Chair to advise the Minister of this resolution.*

Members of the Forum agreed that, notwithstanding the above motion, Airservices should add Mascot Public school to its mobile noise monitoring program as a matter of urgency.

*Action 23/4: Airservices to include Mascot Public School in the mobile noise monitoring program as a matter of urgency.*

### *3.6 SACF Web Page Update*

The Secretariat demonstrated for Members the proposed new web page, to be located at [www.sacf.org.au](http://www.sacf.org.au). The Members provided some suggestions as to further information that could be presented on the proposed site. The Secretariat undertook to continue development and registration of the site. The Chair thanked the Secretariat, on behalf of the Forum, for efforts in producing the site to date.

### *3.7 PRM*

The Chair advised Members that he had met with both Senator Hill and the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff regarding the implications of the proposed introduction of PRM. The Chair also advised that his office, in association with several members of SACF and other community representatives, had prepared a document (also containing several appendices) that he proposed be accepted by the Forum as its formal response to the Airservices Notice of Intention and submitted to Senator Hill. This was agreed by the Forum with Mr Bourke abstaining.

*Action 23/5: The Chair to submit the prepared document and its appendices to Senator Hill as SACF's formal response to the PRM Notice of Intention.*

Mr Balzola questioned the possible implications for the PRM assessment of the new *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, due to take effect as of 8 July 2000. Mr Balzola tabled the following motion:

“That we call upon the Minister for the Environment to defer making Terms of Reference [covering the environmental assessment of the PRM] until 8 July 2000 and implementation of

the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.*"

The motion was resolved by the Forum, with Mr Bourke objecting.

*Action 23/6: The Chair to advise the Minister of the above resolution*

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: Report by Sydney Airports Corporation Limited (SACL)**

Mr Ken Alcott of SACL reported on the following developments:

##### *Taxiway enhancements*

Several rapid exit taxiways have been commissioned at the airport. The expected completion date was March/April 2000. Resheeting of taxiways alpha and golf was due to begin in January 2000.

##### *SA2000*

A large proportion of the SA2000 was expected to reach completion on 17 December 1999. The expected completion date for the entire project was April 2000.

##### *Giovanni Brunetti Bridge*

Other than remaining landscaping works, the bridge was nearing completion.

##### *Road works*

SACL was undertaking a program of widening the road between the Domestic and International terminals.

##### *M5*

Members raised with Mr Alcott some recent complaints regarding the failure to open the east-west runway as a result of crane operations. Mr Ken McLean responded that some coordination issues had arisen in terms of arrivals of aircraft, but that these had been rapidly resolved.

Members requested further reports from both SACL and Airservices on the operation of the crane and, where problems exist, how these are being resolved.

*Action 23/7: SACL and Airservices to provide an update on the arrangements for the lowering of the crane working at the end of the western end of the E/W runway at the next SACF meeting.*

##### *Runway 25/07 threshold relocation*

SACL has been unable to progress this issue and has subsequently referred it to CASA for resolution.

Members asked Mr Alcott several questions relating to recent press announcements regarding Virgin Airlines and a possible float of SACL. With respect to Virgin, Mr

Alcott responded that there was available terminal capacity. With regard to the issue of a possible float, it was agreed that this was a policy matter for the Commonwealth Government.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: LTOP Update from Airservices and Report from Implementation and Monitoring Committee**

Mr David Lidbetter provided the Forum with information on the following issues considered by the previous IMC meeting of 2 November 1999:

##### *Noise monitors*

Airservices had purchased additional portable noise monitoring units, which were being calibrated for use. Mr Lidbetter encouraged SACF members to nominate specific sites for monitoring as soon as possible. The relocation of the permanent noise monitoring unit from La Perouse to Croydon was to take place in early 2000.

##### *Runway 25/07 threshold*

The ILS on runway 25/07 was scheduled to be in place by February. IMC had been advised by SACL that it had been unable to resolve the question of the removal of the trees currently holding up the relocation of the runway 25 threshold.

Mr John Leaversuch from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) advised Members that the CASA Director, Mr Mick Toller, had been briefed on the issue. As a result, CASA would be holding a meeting with Airservices and SACL to take a final position on the matter. Mrs Deirdre Grusovin MLA requested that CASA keep her informed of the outcomes of this meeting.

##### *Mode 6A*

The environmental area of Airservices was undertaking more detailed assessment of the proposed Mode 6A.

##### *Other issues*

Mr Lidbetter informed Members that both he and Mr Hill had supported a proposal from Airservices to establish a sub-committee of IMC to examine arrivals procedures on runways 16L and 16R. Should this proposal be accepted, SACF would be required to nominate community representatives. Airservices will be providing further information on the proposal at the next meeting of the IMC.

Mr Leaversuch advised the meeting that CASA had put forward a proposal that CASA facilitate an industry group undertaking a study of the technologies available to aid in the implementation of LTOP and more specifically, the Trident.

## Report from Airservices

Mr McLean advised the meeting of the following issues relevant to the implementation of LTOP:

### *Project schedule*

Mr McLean advised Members that IMC currently overlooks LTOP implementation according to a project schedule. This was recently reviewed and is currently being updated.

### *Mode 8*

Mode 8 was reported to be available for use; however there were issues associated with ground operations that would have the effect of reducing the traffic handling capacity.

### *LTOP targets*

Figures for movements to the north in October were 27.3% and for the first two weeks of November, 29% due to factors including weather. He noted that TAAATS was now implemented at Sydney Airport. The second half of November saw the use of SODPROPS increase significantly.

Members discussed various issues raised by Mr McLean. Following discussion the meeting resolved the following motion, proposed by Mr Balzola:

“That a project schedule on the implementation of LTOP, as ratified by SACF, be tabled by the next meeting of SACF. The schedule should include a specific report on reasons why, since LTOP’s commencement on 3 August 1997, total air movements to the north has remained static at an average of 27%, 10% above the forecast.”

*Action 23/8: Airservices to report on LTOP schedule at next SACF meeting.*

Members discussed the desirability of pursuing additional use of SODPROPS should target movements to the south of the airport be achieved. The Chair proposed that DoTRS prepare a paper canvassing the respective merits of continuing to increase SODPROPS usage vis-à-vis use of the other (east-west runway) noise sharing modes.

*Action 23/9: DoTRS to produce an analysis of the noise impacts of using SODPROPS versus other (east-west runway) noise sharing modes.*

*Action 23/10: Airservices to provide information on frequency of winds exceeding 25 knots.*

## AGENDA ITEM 6: Standing Operational Reports

SACF noted without discussion the reports provided to Members.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: SACF Correspondence and Issues raised by the Public**

SACF noted without discussion the copies of correspondence circulated to members and the schedule of issues raised by the public.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: Other Business**

Cr Barry Cotter advised Members of a presentation made at a recent Australian Mayoral Aviation Council (AMAC) meeting based on the study sponsored by a range of South Sydney Councils investigating the impact of not building a second airport at Badgerys Creek. Cr Cotter recommended the presentation be made to relevant Federal members. The Chair noted that a SACF sub-committee had met with all of the Cabinet Ministers earlier in the year, but undertook to consider the presentation (a copy of which Cr Cotter was to provide to him) to determine whether it would be useful to distribute to his Government colleagues.

*Action 23/11: The Chair to consider material generated from the study sponsored by South Sydney Councils for possible distribution to members of the Government.*

The Chair raised concerns over apparent inconsistency of the NSW State Opposition leader, Mrs Chikarovski, MLA, campaigning against the siting of the airport at Badgerys Creek given the Forum's position of supporting a second Sydney airport at the Badgerys Creek site. The Chair proposed to write to Mrs Chikarovski drawing attention to the apparent inconsistency between her reported public opposition to a second Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek and her previously espoused support for the development in her role as a SACF member.

*Action 23/12: The SACF Chair to write to the NSW State Opposition leader, Mrs Chikarovski, MLA, drawing her attention to the apparent inconsistency between her reported public opposition to a second Sydney airport and the formal SACF position on the same issue.*

The meeting closed at 11.05am. In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked Members for their support, civility and cooperation in attending and participating in meetings held throughout the year. The Chair also thanked observers and the following organisations – Sydney Airports Corporation Limited, Airservices Australia, and the Department of Transport and Regional Services. Finally, the Chair expressed his best wishes to members, observers and participating organisations for a safe and happy Christmas.

The next SACF meeting is proposed for February 2000.

## ACTION LIST

<b>Action Number</b>	<b>Action</b>
23/1	The Chair to advise the Minister of the SACF resolution relating to membership of Qantas and Ansett on SACF.
23/2	Mr Balzola's motion with respect to Mode 4 to be tabled and discussed at the next SACF meeting.
23/3	The Chair to advise the Minister of the SACF resolution relating to noise amelioration of Mascot Public School.
23/4	Airservices to include Mascot Public School in the mobile noise monitoring program as a matter of urgency.
23/5	The Chair to submit SACF's formal response to the PRM Notice of Intention to Senator Hill.
23/6	The Chair to advise the Environment Minister of the SACF resolution relating to assessment of the PRM proposal under Commonwealth environment legislation due to take effect as of 8 July 2000.
23/7	SACL and Airservices to provide an update on the arrangements for the lowering of the crane working at the western end of the E/W runway.
23/8	Airservices to report on LTOP schedule at next SACF meeting.
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## ATTACHMENT A: Attendance

### Members

Dr B Nelson MP	Federal Member for Bradfield, Chair
Mr E Armstrong	Representing Cr A Roberts, Mayor of Lane Cove
Mr R Balzola	Representing Mr J Murphy MP, Member for Lowe
Mr B Bourke	Australian Air Transport Association
Mr J Buchanan	Representing Cr D Sullivan, Mayor of Randwick for the last part of the meeting
Mr J Clarke	Representing the Upper North Shore Community
Cr B Cotter	Mayor of Marrickville
The Hon D Grusovin MLA	State Member for Heffron
Ms Ros Habig	Representing Ms S Nori MLA, State Member for Port Jackson
Mr B Hayes	Representing the Hon J Hockey MP, Federal Member for North Sydney
Mr A Joseph	Representing the Hon B Baird MP, Federal Member for Cook
Cr S Holroyd	Rockdale Council
Mr D Lidbetter	Representing the Inner West Community
Mr M Lynch	Representing Cr P Sansom, Mayor of Hurstville
Mr S McArdle	Representing Mr A Albanese MP, Federal Member for Grayndler
Cr K McDonell	Mayor of Sutherland Shire
Mr N Melas	Representing Mr Robert McClelland MP, Federal Member for Barton
Ms J Ohana	Representing Mrs K Chikarovski MLA, State Member for Lane Cove
Ms M Patrinos	Representing Canterbury Residents Against Aircraft Noise
Cr R Sheerin	Representing the Bennelong Community
Cr F Sinclair King	Representing Cr A Petrie, Wentworth Community
Mr J Socratous	Sydney Airport Forum Pty Ltd
Cr D Sullivan	Mayor of Randwick attended for part of the meeting

**Advisers/Secretariat**

Mr P Merner	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
Mr M Mrdak	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
Mr D Southgate	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
Ms K Wilkinson	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
Mrs G Kelly	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
Mr N Fisher	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
Mr B Franklin	Dr Nelson's Electorate Office

Mr L Joynson	Airservices Australia
Mr K McLean	Airservices Australia
Mr V Dore	Airservices Australia

Mr J Leaversuch	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
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Mr K Allcott	Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd
Ms L Smith	Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd

**Observers**

Ms J Barros	Leichhardt Airport and Urban Environment Group
Mr B Beudeker	Ansett Airlines
Mr D Creak	Overnight Airfreight Operators Association for Clover Moore MLA
Mr J Jones	Lane Cove Airport Action
Mr A Marche	ABC Radio
Ms B Sommer	SACF Incorporated
R Tanner	