



SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

**Thirtieth Meeting
11th Floor, 70 Phillip Street, Sydney
Friday, 15 June 2001
9.00am to 12 noon**

FINAL

SUMMARY RECORD

AGENDA ITEM 1

Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Councillor Sue Hoopman to the Forum. She advised that Councillor Hoopman had replaced Mr Ross Sheerin at the Forum.

The Chair welcomed members and proxies to the meeting and also advised that apologies had been received from Ms Sandra Nori, Ms Maria Patrinos and Cr Tracie Sonda.

AGENDA ITEM 2

Confirmation of summary record

It was agreed that the Summary Record of the 29th meeting of SACF be accepted with the following amendment.

- Agenda Item 3.2 – by replacing the words ‘...there was consensus amongst members...’ to ‘... there was consensus amongst all the members...’.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Matters arising

3.1 Correspondence

The Minister’s letter responding to the outcomes and resolutions of the 29th SACF meeting was tabled. Members noted that the Minister agreed that those communities currently without representatives at the Forum should be represented and that he would be happy to receive nominations for replacement members.



There was concern that the Minister's letter did not adequately answer the Forum's resolution relating the government's decision not to build the Badgery's Creek Airport at this time and to amend the slots legislation (Agenda Item 4 in 29th SACF meeting).

Following discussion it was agreed that the chair write to the Minister asking for a direct answer to the question posed in the resolution.

Action 30/1: *Chair to write to the Minister to ask for a direct answer to the question posed in the resolution (Agenda Item 4 in 29th SACF meeting).*

3.2 *Movement Cap*

Mr Dolan spoke to the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DoTRS) paper on the movement cap that had been included in the agenda papers [SACF 2001/041].

The Chair noted that there is quite a complex regulatory regime involved with the movement cap and that it may be useful for members to have an explanation of the monitoring Regulations and the Act and how they relate to the movement cap. She then proposed a motion designed to move the issue forward – this led to an extended debate that primarily focussed on the 8am hour on 14 May 2001 when there were ninety aircraft movements at the Airport. Questions were also asked about the 8am hour on 30 March 2001.

Mr McLean spoke to two explanatory papers tabled by Airservices Australia concerning these two days. He provided an explanation of the details known so far about the two days. In particular, members expressed confusion because the figures presented in the Airservices reports did not correspond with identified allocated slots and there were apparently nine unaccounted for planes on 14 May 2001.

Some members expressed concern that the Forum was being forced to get down into the fine detail, rather than looking at policy and the bigger picture. In response it was pointed out that in some instances information needs to be drawn out through examples, to make sense of the broad principles.

The Chair drew attention to the fact that Airservices allocates spare slots on the day. This raised questions about communication between the slot manager and Airservices and how the coordination between the different bodies is achieved. It was agreed that a flow chart was needed outlining the respective roles of the compliance committee, Airport Coordination Australia (ACA) and Airservices.

At the conclusion of the discussions the Forum adopted the following resolution:

The Sydney Airport Community Forum expresses deep concern with the 80 movements per hour cap being regularly exceeded during the 8 am time slot at Sydney Airport.



That the Chair

- A. *Request the Department to coordinate a flowchart, description and Executive Summary of the relevant legislative and regulatory framework for the movement of aircraft at Sydney Airport.*
- B. *Request Airservices to provide to the Slot Manager, Sydney Airport Compliance Committee and SACF details of all the flights that occurred on 30 March 2001 and 14 May 2001 and the reasons surrounding the exceedances.*
- C. *Write to the Sydney Airport Compliance Committee seeking an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the regular exceedances of the movement cap during the 8 am hour.*
- D. *Request that the Compliance Committee provide to SACF a regular report providing an explanation of the circumstances surrounding any exceedances of the movement cap at Sydney Airport.*

Action 30/2: *Department of Transport and Regional Services to provide a flow chart, description and Executive Summary of the relevant legislative and regulatory framework for the movement of aircraft at Sydney Airport.*

Action 30/3: *Chair to seek the information sought in parts B, C and D of the above resolution.*

Members requested that the action in A (above) be completed and circulated to Members well before the next meeting.

3.3 Proposed Residential Development in the Kurnell Sandhills.

Mr Baird advised the Forum that public meetings had been held in Kurnell and North Cronulla and over 90 per cent of residents were against the proposal to construct housing in the Kurnell sandhills.

The Forum was advised that the draft amendment to the Regional Environment Plan designed to facilitate the residential development is due to be released for public comment at the end of June by the NSW Department of Urban Affairs and Planning.

The Forum agreed on the following actions:

Action 30/4: *Chair to write to Minister Refshauge to advise of SACF's continuing opposition to the proposal concerning residential development in the Kurnell sandhills .*



Action 30/5: *Members to provide to the Secretariat any submissions they have made, or can access through local Municipal Councils, to the NSW Department of Urban Affairs and Planning so that these may, if appropriate, be endorsed by SACF.*

3.4 SACF Nomination for the ATM reform committee

Mr Murphy nominated himself to the ATM reform committee.

Mr Clarke indicated that he wished to nominate two persons for the committee. Mr Clarke undertook to ask these persons to write a letter to the Forum agreeing to their respective nominations to the Committee.

3.5 Schedule of future meetings

The proposed dates for future 2001 meetings of 17 August 2001, 19 October 2001 and December 2001 were noted without discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Report from Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd

Ms Alroe reported on two issues.

The work on relocating the landing threshold on runway 25 is close to being finalised and should be completed by the end of August.

Works will need to be undertaken on the runway lighting at the southern end of the main north south runway. This work can only take place during the curfew if major disruption to the Airport is to be avoided. During the work, which is proposed to take place over an approximate two-week period at the end of August aircraft will need to take off from the northern end of the main runway. A curfew dispensation will have to be issued under the *Sydney Airports Curfew Act 1995* if the works are to take place. If the dispensation is granted the Airport will advise the community living close to the northern end of the main runway.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Report from the LTOP Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC)

Mr Hill reported on IMC issues and indicated that in addition to the topics already discussed in the SACF meeting the following issues were discussed at the last IMC Meeting:

- Mode 6A environmental assessment is still proceeding.



- Changes are being made to place arrivals on runway 34L rather than runway 34R (over Kurnell) wherever possible.
- The re-examination of Land and Hold Short Operations (LAHSO).
- There is an extensive list of persons who want to be included in the mobile noise monitoring program. Due to the large number it is proposed that much of this will be carried out using hand held noise monitors.

It was reported that the IMC is due to have another meeting just before the next SACF meeting. The Forum's attention was drawn to the long haul departures to the north off the main north-south runway which do not turn north-west as they are not able to accept the Richmond SID. Mr Griffiths asked whether it would be possible to report these movements on the diagram on the front of the Briefing Notes.

The Forum noted that minutes had not been received for the IMC meetings for some time.

Action 30/6: *Secretariat to issue outstanding minutes from IMC meetings to members.*

Action 30/7: *The Department of Transport and Regional Services to ascertain whether the format of the Briefing Notes can be changed to include information on long hauls.*

AGENDA ITEM 6

Standing Operational Reports

6.1 Monitoring Report

The Forum noted that for the month of May, 33.1 per cent of flights were to the north. This was the outcome of operations being forced by the weather onto Runways 16 (southerly parallel flow – Mode 10) for more than nine hours on more than half the days in the month. This led to debate on why the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) noise targets have not been met and the need to identify the reasons why.

Members expressed the desire to see a detailed statistical analysis of historical data to ascertain whether, for example, the targets were not being met because of constraints imposed by the weather or other recurring reasons.

Given the resources that may be needed for such a task it was agreed that:

The Department of Transport and Regional Services be requested to undertake a scoping study to identify a method for establishing the criteria affecting the implementation of the targets in the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) and any opportunities to achieve a closer approach to the targets.



Action 30/8: *Department of Transport and Regional Services to undertake the scoping study to identify a method for establishing the criteria affecting attainment of the targets in the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) and any opportunities to achieve a closer approach to the targets.*

Mr Murphy put forward the following motion:

The Chair to ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services not to sell Sydney Airport until LTOP is being achieved.

Mr Murphy had to leave the meeting and it was decided to leave the motion on the table until the next meeting.

Mr Holroyd asked whether detailed measured N70 reports can be included in the monthly Sydney Airport Operational Statistics.

Action 30/9: *Airservices Australia to examine the feasibility of including detailed measured N70 reports in the Operational Statistics.*

6.2 *Curfew summary and Curfew Dispensation Reports*

This item was noted without discussion.

6.3 *Progress reports on noise insulation program*

Mr Dolan indicated that the noise insulation program would be completed by the end of June 2002. In response to a question from the Forum he stated that there have been reviews of the location of the program's eligibility lines to take into account increases in traffic movements.

Members referred to a promise made by Mr Hockey that Kurnell would be treated as a special case and receive some form of compensation because of the introduction of LTOP.

Action 30/10: *Chair to write to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services seeking:*

- 1) *Advice on what provision will be made for insulating additional houses in the future if the insulation eligibility line moves out when the Sydney Airport Noise Insulation Project (SANIP) has concluded*
- 2) *That Kurnell be treated as a special case because of the LTOP noise distribution.*

AGENDA ITEM 7



SACF Correspondence and issues raised by the public

This item was noted without discussion

AGENDA ITEM 8

Other Business

No other business was raised.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Date of next meeting

The next meeting was tentatively set down for 17 August 2001.

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon.



Action List

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ATTACHMENT A: Attendance

Members

H Coonan	Senator for NSW, Chair
B Baird MP	Federal Member for Cook
B Beudeker	Representing the Australian Air Transport Association
W Bourke	Representing the Australian Air Transport Association
S Bowers	Mayor of Lane Cove
J Clarke	Representing the Upper North Shore Community
B Collins	Representing Joe Hockey MP, Federal Member for North Sydney
C Connolly	Representing Robert McClelland MP, Federal Member for Barton
R Griffiths	Sydney Airport Forum Pty Ltd
K Hill	Representing the Kurnell Community
S Holroyd	Representing Rockdale Council
S Hoopmann	Representing the Bennelong Community
M Lynch	Representing Bill Pickering, Mayor of Hurstville
A Marchei	Representing Kerry Chikarovski MLA, State Member for Lane Cove
M Megna	Representing the Inner West Community
J Murphy MP	Federal Member for Lowe
D Niven	Representing Mark Bonanno, Mayor of Ashfield
F Sinclair King	Representing the Wentworth Community



Advisers/Secretariat

Dept of Transport and Regional Services	M Dolan
Dept of Transport and Regional Services	J McLucas
Dept of Transport and Regional Services	D Southgate
Dept of Transport and Regional Services	M Farmer
Dept of Transport and Regional Services	G Kelly
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Airservices Australia	L Joynson
Airservices Australia	K McLean
CASA	J Hanna
Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd	K Allcott
Sydney Airports Corporation Ltd	J Alroe
OAOA	D Creak
ABC Radio	B Sommers
Lane Cove Council	E Armstrong
North West Residents Airport Group	P Lingard
Hunters Hill Council	A James