



**Sydney Airport Community Forum**

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# **SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM**

## **37<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**Conference Room A, 8th Floor,  
70 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000**

**19 September 2003**

**SUMMARY RECORD**



## **Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda**

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.05 am.

The Chair welcomed members and the proxies representing members to the meeting.

- Attachment A is a list of Members and Observers attending the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Mr Bob Spencer who was succeeding Cr Ken McDonnell as the nominated representative for Mayor of Sutherland after this meeting.

The Chair advised that the Sydney Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) was the main item for discussion. Members could provide further technical questions on the master plan direct to the Sydney Airport Corporations Ltd (SACL).

Members adopted the provisional agenda without amendment.

Mr Balzola apologised for his late arrival due to unavoidable personal circumstances.

### **Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Draft Summary Records**

The Draft Summary Record from the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 20 June 2003 required the word “**withdraw**” changed to “**declines**” in the Agenda Item on Noise Insulation at page 6.

The Draft Summary Record from the special meeting on 31 July 2003 was confirmed without amendment.

### **Agenda Item 3: Matters arising and / or Outstanding from Previous Meeting**

The Chair indicated that unless members had some major concern arising from the previous meetings then discussion would be held over until the December meeting. However, the TCU matter would be discussed after the master plan discussion.

Mr Clarke raised the community advocate proposal for discussion as there had been little advancement on this issue. It was advised that the Department and Airservices are discussing the issues on this matter and that an update will be provided at the December meeting.

*Agenda Item 3 Action 37/01: DOTARS to provide SACF with an update on the development of the community advocate position at the next meeting.*



#### **Agenda Item 4: Sydney Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan**

Lisa Smith advised that this meeting was her last and that Chris Falvey will replace her as SACL representative. Lisa thanked members for the opportunity to work with them. The Chair thanked Lisa Smith for her contribution to the community consultation process and to the productive working relationships that were developed.

Lisa Smith then provided an update on the public comment process noting that there was very little public interest to date. The public comment period opened on 1 August 2003 and closes on 29 October 2003. SACL's consultant Wilkinson Murray were present to answer any questions.

Technical questions were addressed and Members were advised that SACL adopted the best-case scenarios given that there was no significant impact on noise sharing. SACL's forecast predictions are based on aviation industry predictions and in five years they would be reviewed. SACL did not consider undertaking a sensitivity analysis of the traffic forecasts.

Mr Clarke indicated that a sensitivity analysis of the traffic forecasts would have merit in determining the impact on the community in regards to the growth of the airport. Members raised considerable concerns about the capacity of the airport for the next 20 years. The point raised was that there was no testing of the assumptions that were being made in the plan.

Members were told that predicting technology for domestic aircraft is difficult.

SACL acknowledged that determining the Airport's maximum air traffic capacity is difficult at this point.

Members also raised issues concerning landside issues highlighting the current facilities could not handle growth and that commercial profits may be the driving force. In addition, airport security is exacerbating the problem.

SACL indicated that the current space is a major constraint and that the master plan should trigger off discussion with the NSW Government concerning many of these landside issues. SACL indicated that it has addressed disability access at the airport.

The Chair pointed out that landside access and egress to Sydney Airport was a major issue.

Members raised concerns that the constraints on Sydney Airport place significant pressures on the noise sharing and that the forecasts for the master plan may have been based on parallel operations. Concern was expressed about the impact on the community if the traffic forecasts are wrong.

SACL indicated that the forecasts are done annually and that they were based on existing arrangements at the airport. SACL indicated they were confident with the forecasts for the 10 year horizon.



Members were concerned about the terminology used in the master plan. SACL advised Members that the master plan was prepared as a community document using everyday language.

SACL advised members that their concerns relating to the railway at the airport were a matter for NSW State Rail not the airport.

SACL advised Members that its response to the community panel report would be included in the Draft Master Plan.

Members raised issues about aircraft size. SACL indicated that if aircraft increase in size and capacity then there is likely to be a consequential decrease in smaller aircraft.

Members questioned the data used in the master plan was not the most current available. SACL advised that at the time of modelling, the 2001 ANEI was the most current data available. SACL advised they did not consider it feasible to rewrite and begin the master planning process again in order to incorporate data being released annually. SACL advised that the master plan focuses on a 20 year horizon and information relating to intervening periods will be made available in other ways.

Members adopted the proposed structure for SACF submission on the preliminary Draft Master Plan.

Members raised the issue of a sensitivity analysis of the traffic forecasts being carried out to determine their accuracy.

*Agenda Item 4 Action 37/02: The Department be requested to undertake a sensitivity analysis of the traffic forecasts in the Sydney Airport Master Plan.*

Members commented that the master plan should indicate when the airport's capacity was likely to be reached as they consider this necessary to understand the impact on achieving LTOP targets. It was strongly noted that LTOP targets are a Ministerial Direction and it was up to the Minister, not SACF, to be debating whether those targets are achievable in the future.

SACF Members asked whether they will have the opportunity to review the Draft Master Plan before it goes to the Minister for approval.

The Department advised that under the *Airports Act 1996* SACL would consider all submissions received as part of the public comment period making any necessary revisions to the master plan. Members were advised that master plan is still a draft until the Minister approves the document.

The Chair indicated that if it was necessary then another SACF meeting could be scheduled in July to consider the report in the context of the master planning process.

Members acknowledged that it was not possible to surmise what SACL will place in the draft master plan but it can raise issues that it considers have not been fully addressed in the Preliminary document.



***Agenda Item 4 Action 37/03:*** SACF to write to the Minister indicating what SACF will address in its submission to SACL on the preliminary draft master plan.

SACF Members raised various issues under each Chapter of the Preliminary Draft Master Plan that they would like addressed in the submission.

These issues are as follows

- ◆ a definition of the Sydney Basin
- ◆ comment on the Review of the *Airports Act 1996*
- ◆ SACF has resolved in favour of a second Sydney Airport
- ◆ Include environmental issues on the basis of LTOP
- ◆ Clear statement for the preservation of the curfew, movement cap and noise sharing currents and LTOP targets
- ◆ Comment on the number of freight movements over Kurnell
- ◆ Need to mention links between Federal and State Governments concerning regional development
- ◆ Inclusion of the Australand site as it was not mentioned
- ◆ Highlight the significant planning issues and the implication on surrounding local government areas
- ◆ Concern that airports place within boundaries non-aviation related industries and that their aim is to attract business from other areas
- ◆ Explore the possibility of improving the consultation process between the Airport and local council planning departments
- ◆ Acknowledged that Members may not agree on SACL's traffic forecasts and what are the likely consequences of these figures
- ◆ Inclusion of some form of contingency plans for times of bad weather
- ◆ Highlight the physical size of the International airport and its capacity for growth
- ◆ Land side access and egress issues of current facilities
- ◆ Concern expressed on the commercial development of the airport and the implications for commercial developments in neighbouring council areas
- ◆ Elaborate on the lack of continuity between Federal and State laws
- ◆ Greater focus on compliance with the *Airports Act 1996* in terms of environmental management.
- ◆ Require more respite information as some areas are not getting enough
- ◆ Address noise insulation as it is not covered
- ◆ Concern expressed that placing things on the National Heritage register is a backdoor way of maintaining the status quo.

***Agenda Item 4 Action 37/04:*** SACF Members to email their views in dot points to the Secretariat and copy in the Chair by Monday 22 September so that a draft report from SACF be finalised by Friday 26 September 2003.

The Chair indicated that SACF was to address the issues in the preliminary draft master plan and not go beyond that



## Agenda Item 5: **Report from the LTOP IMC, Review of LTOP and Airservices Australia Issues**

### *IMC Report*

SACF Community members on the Forum did not provide a report given the time constraints.

### *LTOP Review*

The Chair advised that LTOP Review was now underway and that the Advertisement of the Tender will be placed in daily papers for the weekend of 27 September 2003, if there were no further comments.

***Agenda Item 5 Action 37/05: DOTARS to advertise the tender for the LTOP Review in the week end papers of 27 September 2003, if possible.***

### *Relocation of the Terminal Control Unit to Melbourne*

Members were advised that this issue can be discussed in detail at the December meeting.

The concern is about who will manage Sydney's noise issues and the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) if Airservices management in Sydney will be based in Melbourne.

Airservices indicated that the TCU will move in 2007/2008. The Management of environment issues will not be changed.

Mr Balzola asked that the wording in the Minister's Direction to Airservices on the LTOP be more definitive than it currently is.

***Agenda Item 5 Action 37/06: SACF concerns regarding the relocation of the TCU to be conveyed strongly to the Minister.***

***Agenda Item 5 Action 37/07: SACF to write to the Minister asking him to change the wording of the LTOP Direction to more definitive with terms like "must" rather than "should" or "may".***

### *New Technologies Working Group*

This item was not listed for discussion due to the time constraints. The Chair advised that Mr Ludlow would have given a presentation on SODPROPS [Simultaneous Opposite Direction Parallel Operations] but there was not sufficient time available at this meeting.



Members indicated that they had very little time to consider the Terms of Reference but that IMC had signed off on terms of reference. Airservices indicated that if Members wished they could use IMC's judgement to progress this matter.

Members were advised that this Task Force was a continuation of Task Force 2 and that the same model would be used.

SACF Members nominating for the Task Force were John Clarke (Upper North Shore) and Maria Patrinos, CRAAN.

### **Agenda Item 6: Noise Insulation**

The meeting agreed to defer any discussion on this issue until the December Meeting.

*Agenda Item 6 Action 37/08: Mr Balzola (representative Mr John Murphy MP, Federal Member for Lowe) to write to the Chair outlining his noise insulation concerns.*

### **Agenda Item 8: Standing Operational Reports**

#### *Standing Reports*

The Chair noted that a number of standing reports had been issued since the last meeting.

### **Agenda 9: SACF Correspondence and Issues Raised by the Public**

#### *Correspondence*

Members did not discuss in detail the correspondence. Correspondence was noted.

#### *Community Advocate*

Members were advised that the Department and Airservices Australia are discussing this matter.

*Agenda Item 9 Action 37/09: The Department to report to SACF at the next meeting on the outcome of its discussion with Airservices regarding the Community Advocate proposal.*

### **Agenda Item 10: Date of Next Meeting**

The dates of the next meeting has been set for Friday 12 December 2003.

The meeting was closed at 12.40pm.



### **Actions from the Meeting 19 September 2003**

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**Agenda Item 4 Action 37/02:** The Department be requested to undertake a sensitivity analysis of the traffic forecasts in the Sydney Airport Master Plan.

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## ATTACHMENT A: Attendance

**Members**

M Payne	Senator for NSW, Chair
R Balzola	Representing Mr J Murphy MP, Federal Member for Lowe
W Bennett	Board of Airline Representatives in Australia
J Clarke	Community member the Upper North Shore
C Connolly	Representing Mr R McClelland MP, Federal Member for Barton
B Hayes	Representing Cr Sue Hoopmann from the Bennelong Community
K Hill	Community member for the Kurnell Community
S Holroyd	Community Member from Rockdale council
D Robinson	Representing Trevor Jensen, Qantas Airways
J May	Mayor of Lane Cove Council
K McDonnell	Representing Cr Phil Blight, Mayor of Sutherland Shire
T Mumford	Representing the Hon B Baird MP, Federal Member for Cook
D Niven	Representing Cr Mark Bonanno, Mayor of Ashfield Council
M Patrinos	Canterbury Residents Against Aircraft Noise
L Smith	Sydney Airport Corporations Ltd



### **Advisers/Secretariat**

D Savage	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
M Ruffy	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
G Kelly	Dept of Transport and Regional Services
S Skermer	Dept of Transport and Regional Services

T Grant	Airservices Australia
L Joynson	Airservices Australia
L Kenna	Airservices Australia
K McLean	Airservices Australia

Glenn Stuart	Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd
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H Knox	Overnight Airfreight Operators Association
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### **Observers**

Rob Bullen	Wilkinson Murray
Gail Craig	Hills aircraft Noise Action Group (HANAG)
JCM Jones	Clover Moore MP for Bligh
P Lingard	North West Residents Airport Group, SACF Inc
G Ross-Smith	Aviation and Tourism Consultant
B Spencer	Sutherland Shire Council