



DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting 03/2023, 21 November 2023

AGENDA ITEM 1 - Opening Remarks and welcome from Chair

The Chair, Ms Sally Sitou MP, opened the meeting and acknowledged absentee apologies, including Ms Maria Patrinos, Community Representative for the West.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Previous Meeting Action Items

Ms Kate Gray, representing the SACF Secretariat, provided an update on the progress of the action items from the August meeting, including the freight operator meeting, the process to add a community representative for the east, and the provision of the out of session briefing on Western Sydney International flight paths to the SACF membership.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Aviation White Paper

Mr Phil McClure, representing the Department of Infrastructure, Transport Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, presented an update and information on the Aviation White Paper, including the Aviation Green Paper and the public consultation process.

Mr Kevin Hill, Community Representative for the South, asked when the public consultation period for the Aviation Green Paper would end, to which Mr McClure responded that it would close on 30 November 2023.

Mr Rob Edney, representing Virgin Australia, asked if affordable access to Sydney Airport was covered in the Aviation White Paper.

Mr McClure responded that the ACCC was directly responsible for monitoring costs at airports, and they had undertaken a review. The White Paper is unlikely to respond to State issues such as rail transport to airports.

Ms Karen Halbert, representing Sydney Airport, then responded that the issue of transport to the Airport was a matter for the state, however, Sydney Airport has been raising the issue, particularly on behalf of staff at the airport.

Mr Tony Williams, representing the Member for Cook, suggested that the Department be asked to look at the 2009 submission to the previous White Paper made by SACF. He also suggested that given the role of SACF, it should be recognized in the White Paper.

Mr Williams then stated his belief that noise could only be measured by a sociological survey that related community perception to noise levels, as opposed to the ANEF. He also expressed concern that the Western Sydney International flight paths were in airspace that the IMC had legislated responsibility, and that the IMC and SACF should have been involved in the drafting of the WSI flight paths.

Mr McClure responded that the Department was happy to look for the 2009 document, and ensure the White Paper team would review the document along with other submissions in due course, and that submissions on alternate methods of calculating noise would be welcomed by the White Paper team.

Mr Williams responded that he would not be making a submission to the White paper public consultation process.

The Chair asked when the submissions for the WSI flight paths community consultation process would close. Mr McClure responded that it would close at the end of January.

Mr Williams then asked if an update to the NAL survey on social impacts of aircraft noise on communities done on 2 February 1982 would be done, and if not, if it would be recognized as an important document by the White Paper.

Mr McClure then responded that the process for submission to the White Paper was through the webpage submission, and that documents submitted through that process would receive fair consideration.

Mr Williams responded again that he would not be making a submission, and that Mr McClure could take on board what he had said or not as he chose.

Mr McClure then agreed to send out a reminder to the SACF membership on the due date and the process for submitting to the White Paper and WSI flight path consultation processes.

3/2023-1: SACF Secretariat to continue to remind SACF members of opportunities to provide feedback relating to operations at Sydney Airport.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Sydney Airport Update

Mr Joe Dennis, representing Sydney Airport, provided an update about Sydney Airport operations (a copy of the slides presented by Sydney Airport is set out as an attachment to this summary).

Mr Dennis's presentation covered:

- an update on flight traffic at Sydney Airport;
- upcoming projects in the south-east sector of the airport;
- introducing the incoming CEO of Sydney Airport, Scott Charlton.

Mr Matt Thistlethwaite, Member for Kingsford-Smith, raised that he had received a lot of complaints out of La Perouse regarding out of curfew movements related to runway works, and that he had invited several community members to ask questions.

Mr Dennis advised that Airservices may be better served to respond, however, Sydney Airport was in a 5-week period of overnight works that would put planes closer to La Perouse, and welcomed specific details of any flights that may have been too close.

Mr Thistlethwaite invited Ms Bella Glenny, who was in attendance as an observer, to speak.

Ms Glenny raised concerns that planes were no longer going equidistant between Kurnell and La Perouse. She asked why the flight path had been changed, and what safety issues were responsible?

Mr Dennis responded that Sydney Airport was not placed to answer why planes would be deviating, and that it was the domain of Airservices, however, he was open to having a further discussion.

Ms Allegra Spender, Member for Wentworth, asked how the community can have more real time information from Sydney Airport that is simple and accessible for the community, and how it compares with the past.

Mr Dennis referred Ms Spender to Airservices. He acknowledged that while all the information requested exists online, but felt that he found Web Trak and other tools to be difficult to operate, and that Sydney Airport was going to raise if Airservices was sufficiently resourced to handle the volume of work.

Ms Spender asked that the Woollahra and Waverley councils in her electorate be permitted to join SACF.

Mr McClure invited those councils to apply to SACF to join, and Mr Gill agreed to send information on Web Trak and other information to the SACF Secretariat.



3/2023-2: Airservices to communicate information on Web Trak and Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood to SACF membership via Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Airservices – Presentation and Questions

Mr Timothy Gill, representing Airservices, provided an update about operations relating to Sydney Airport (a copy of the slides presented by Airservices is set out as an attachment to this summary).

Mr Gill's presentation covered:

- air traffic movements;
- noise monitors and WebTrak;
- a summary of complaints to the Noise Complaints and Information Services (NCIS);
- the aircraft in your neighborhood online tool;
- safety works for Runways 16L and 16R, including demonstrating the separation safety issue;
- future hosting of IMC minutes on aircraft in your neighborhood online tool.

Ms Glenny requested a meeting with Airservices regarding her concerns about flight paths.

Mr Gill responded that Airservices would continue to follow the established process of addressing concerns of members of the public, through the Noise and Complaints Information Service (NCIS), and acknowledged that Ms Glenny had submitted 26 questions to the NCIS two days prior.

Ms Glenny expressed concerns that her questions were being evaded by Airservices.

Mr Russell McArthur, Airservices, responded that there was no capacity for Airservices to meet with individual complainants, but would respond through official means.

Mr Tony Williams asked what the total number of complaints about flights during the curfew were, and what proportion related to permitted flights.

Mr Gill responded that 9% of complaints related to curfew movements, and 6 of those were related to permitted movements.

Ms Lynda Newnam asked where the published risk assessment for flying over major hazard facilities at the DP World Port Terminal was.

Mr Gill responded that airports maintain protection surfaces around the airports in accordance with the National Airports Safeguarding Framework called PANS-OPS, which are the airspaces they protect around the airports, and Obstacle Limitation Surfaces, which function to prevent obstacles being built into the airport's airspace. These are declared by the airports to prevent inappropriate development that would endanger safe landing and departure of aircraft.

Mr Kevin Hill asked that a noise monitor be placed on the La Perouse flight path and suggested it be raised at the next IMC.

Mr Gill stated that he was happy to have that discussion at the next IMC meeting, as well as discussion on Mode 9 and the WSI flight paths.

Mr Tony Williams asked for the presentation of the safety issues to be distributed.

Mr Gill responded that he was happy to arrange for the videos demonstrating the safety issue to be hosted online by Airservices.

3/2023-3: Airservices to publish the videos demonstrating the Runway 16 safety issue online.



Mr Gill stated that the NCIS team would work through and respond to the questions submitted by Ms Glenny.

3/2023-4: Airservices' NCIS team to respond to questions submitted by Ms Bella Glenny.

Mr Kevin Hill asked if he was permitted to post parts of presentations given to SACF publicly on social media.

Mr Gill responded that as they were publicly available, there was no issue with distributing the information presented, and also asked that Mr Hill also advise them to go to Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood and to the noise ombudsman.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Other Business

Mr John Clarke, Acting Community Representative for the north, requested that additional information on the WSI flight paths be distributed to enable the IMC to review the proposed flight path changes.

Mr Clarke also asked that Penetration Gate Plots at waypoints on the LTOP varied flight paths based on one month's worth of data and more detailed impacts of new flight paths on suburbs on Google Earth presented as a KMZ file.

Mr McClure responded that the WSI was best placed to respond to Mr Clarke's request. He asked that Mr Clarke send an email containing his request, and that he was happy to have the WSI team brief IMC.

3/2023-5: Mr John Clarke to submit request for Penetration Gate Plots of flight data and more detailed impacts of proposed flight paths to SACF Secretariat.

3/2023-6: SACF Secretariat to forward Mr Clarke's email to the WSI team.

Mr Gill noted that Mr Rob Edney made a similar request at the WSI briefing, and that the question was already under consideration.

Mr Russell McArthur, representing Airservices, also responded that Airservices was happy to facilitate greater understanding of flight path changes related to WSI, but that had to be lead by the WSI team within the Department.

Mr Alexi Cassis, representing the Minister for Kingsford-Smith asked if there were plans to publish the IMC minutes online.

Mr Gill responded that IMC minutes would be published on the Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood webpage in future.

Mr Kevin Hill raised concerns that the changes to flight paths as a result of WSI were concentrating flight paths over neighbourhoods.

Mr Tony Williams also raised concerns regarding aircraft noise impacts on the community, and suggested that contours be published that would indicate to local residents how likely they were to be affected by significant aircraft noise in affected LTOP flight paths. Mr Clarke concurred.

Mr McClure requested that these concerns also be submitted in writing by email to be passed on to the WSI team, and recommended that the appropriate forum to suggest wholesale changes was through the White Paper public consultation process.

Mr Gill stated that Airservices would undertake a letter drop to the community soon to 1.5 million addresses to raise awareness about the proposed changes.



Mr Williams agreed to email his concerns to be passed on to the WSI team.

3/2023-7: Mr Tony Williams to email SACF Secretariat with concerns regarding aircraft noise impacts on the community as a result of proposed WSI flight paths to be passed on to the WSI team.

Mr Kevin Hill raised the legal matter regarding overnight curfew dispensations, and outlined the actions he has taken to request reasons from the Department through the Federal Court of Australia, in Kevin Hill v Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (NSD1285/2023, New South Wales Registry).

Mr Hill sought to gauge support from SACF, and sought for SACF's support to be expressed to the Minister.

Mr McClure informed SACF that the Minister had been made aware of the proceedings in the Federal Court.

Mr Hill's actions were supported by Mr John Clarke, Mr Kerry Kyriacou representing Randwick City Council, Mr Kendall Banfield of Inner West Council, and representatives of Mr Matt Thistlethwaite, the Member for Kingsford-Smith and Mr Scott Morrison, the Member for Cook, who spoke in support.

The Chair agreed to write to the Minister on behalf of SACF, and to let Mr Hill know what would be included before sending the letter.

3/2023-8: Ms Sally Sitou to write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government on behalf of SACF on the matter of the legal proceedings in the Federal Court.

Ms Glenny asked why no update on Mode 9 was presented. Mr Gill responded that as there was no IMC meeting, it had not yet been dealt with, but would be at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Close

The Chair closed out the meeting by summarising the action items agreed to during the meeting and thanking everyone for their attendance. The meeting ended at 17:30.

The date and time of the next meeting will be advised closer to the time.

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MEMBERS

Name	Representing
Sally Sitou MP	Chair, Federal Member for Reid
John Clarke	Acting Community Representative for the North
Kevin Hill	Community Representative for the South
Maria Patrinos	Community Representative for the West
Tony Williams	Nominee representing the Federal Member for Cook
Matt Thistlethwaite (MP)	Federal Member for Kingsford Smith
Tim Murray	Nominee representing Federal Member for Grayndler
Toni O-Laughlin	Nominee Representing Federal Member for Sydney
Allegra Spender (MP)	Federal Member for Wentworth
Kendall Banfield Sarah Guan	Nominees for Mayor Darcy Byrne (Inner West Council)
Kerry Kyriacou	Representative for Randwick Council (Local)
Stephen Pearse	Executive Director of BARA
Rob Edney	Virgin Australia
Joe Dennis Karen Halbert	Nominees representing Sydney Airport

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Phil McClure	Assistant Secretary Airports Branch
Paul Argent	Director, South-West Airports and Noise Section
Kate Gray	Team Member, South-West Airports and Noise Section

Observers and Guest Presenters

Name	Representing	Capacity
Timothy Gill	Airservices Australia	Presenter
Russell McArthur	Airservices Australia	Presenter
Bella Glenn	Community	Observer
Lynda Newnam	Community	Observer