

SYDNEY AIRPORT COMMUNITY FORUM

SPECIAL MEETING AIRPORT CENTRAL O'RIORDAN STREET, MASCOT 21 FEBRUARY 1997

SUMMARY RECORD

The Chairman opened the special meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) at 10.40am, announcing that two issues would be considered by the meeting:

- (i) Planning for the Olympics
- (ii) Relocation of the Threshold of Runway 16L.

The Chairman thanked the Federal Airports Corporation (FAC) for hosting the meeting. Members agreed to a request that the meeting be taped.

PLANNING FOR THE OLYMPICS

The Acting General Manager of Sydney Airport, Mr Barry Thompson, welcomed SACF members and introduced a detailed presentation by senior FAC staff.

The presentation included information on the structure and revenue sources of the Corporation, the basis of Olympics planning, programmed and possible future capital works, air traffic forecasts and modelling, terminal operations, road traffic modelling and the relationship of these elements to the 1993 Airport Master Plan.

The presentation concluded that the Airport could cope with the projected Olympics traffic in the year 2000 while maintaining the curfew and the 80 movements per hour cap. It was noted that considerably more work will need to be done to develop detailed plans to deal with the range of contingencies which might conceivably arise during the Olympics.

The Chairman indicated that it was important to reaffirm that lifting of the curfew is not required during the Olympics.

At the end of the presentation, members asked a number of questions related to the forecasts and the capital works both in progress and planned.

RELOCATION OF THE THRESHOLD OF RUNWAY 16L

Mr Thompson made a presentation which covered the background to and reasons for the FAC's decision to relocate the runway 16L landing threshold. This presentation included the main conclusions reached by the consultant's (Airplan) study in relation to the noise impact of the relocation. Copies of the consultant's report were distributed to SACF members.

Mr Thompson advised the meeting that all physical work on the relocation project had been stopped but that the lights ordered from Finland of necessity were still being shipped .

Mr Thompson expressed concern that inadequate communication had led to misunderstanding of the FAC's actions in relation to the relocation of the runway threshold. He proposed that (a) the FAC be provided with copies of all SACF minutes and resolutions, and (b) FAC provide SACF with quarterly updates on its Sydney Airport activities.

All SACF members present had the opportunity to question Mr Thompson about the project. Comments mainly stressed the need for community consultation. Mr Albanese proposed the following resolution which was adopted:

That SACF reaffirms the position adopted on Monday 17 February 1997 on the moving of the threshold on Runway 16L.

That a subcommittee of David Lidbetter, Tony Williams and Michael Refshauge meet with the FAC to discuss the detail of this proposal.

That this subcommittee report back to SACF by 31 March 1997. Until then, we request the Minister to request the FAC not to proceed with this work.

Mr Thompson stated that the FAC was keen to meet with the subcommittee as soon as possible and would like the matter resolved by 11 March if possible as the FAC has contractual obligations. The Chairman agreed that the FAC and the three individuals should meet and discuss the proposal as soon as possible.

Mr Thompson informed SACF that the FAC was proposing to release a media statement that afternoon.

Mr Bourke wished it noted that industry is concerned that the measure, which will enhance operations, will now be delayed.

OTHER

Mr Kevin Hill raised the issue of the Kurnell community's concern at Recommendations 10 and 12 in the Long Term Operating Plan, and requested the Forum reject the recommendations.

The Chairman agreed to note Mr Hill's concerns and to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Mr Joe Hockey MP, Chairman
 Mr Anthony Albanese MP
 Mr Bill Bourke
 Ms Alison Duncan, proxy for Mr John Clarke
 Cr John Griffin, proxy for Cr Peter Olah
 Ms Deirdre Grusovin MLA
 Ms Ros Habig, proxy for Ms S Nori MLA
 Ms Lyn Hespe, proxy for Mr R McClelland MP
 Mr Kevin Hill
 Mr David Lidbetter
 Cr Margaret Martin
 Ms Marie McGoldrick, proxy for
 Ms Kerry Chikarovski MLA
 Ms Maria Patrinos
 Mr Michael Refshauge, proxy for
 Cr Barry Cotter
 Cr Rod Tudge, proxy for Cr Mary Rawlings
 Cr Lorraine Rodden, proxy for
 Cr Kevin Schreiber

Advisers/Secretariat

Mr Paul Merner
 Mr Dave Southgate
 Mr Des Harris
 Ms Pam Cossey

 Ms Jacquie Parker

FAC

Mr Barry Thompson
 Ms Julieanne Alroe
 Mr Jeremy McGrath
 Mr Karl Mezgailes
 Mr Philip Cash
 Ms Annie Luczka
 Mr Peter Arnold
 Mr Ted Porter

Observers

Ms Linda Morris - SMH
 Ms Michele Gilchrist - The Australian
 Ms Sue Hogan
 Mr Andrew Clinton
 Cr Allan Rees
 Mr Tim Gartrell
 Mr Pat Williams
 Mr Tony Williams

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING ON 21/2/97

The Chairman

1. To write to the Minister conveying the proposal that a subcommittee examine the FAC's proposed relocation of the runway 16L landing threshold and report back to the Forum as soon as possible.

Action: *Letter sent.*