



SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting 02/2025, 14 November 2025

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Opening Remarks, welcome from Chair and apologies

The Chair of SACF, Ms Ash Ambihaipahar MP, opened the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands from which attendees were gathering.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Previous meeting action items, correspondence and confirmation of Summary Record

Mr Scott Small, Director, South, West, ACT and NSW Airports and Noise Section, confirmed the summary record from the March meeting has been published on the SACF website, noted the action items that have been closed since the last meeting and that 2 action items will be discussed during this meeting.

Mr Kevin Hill, Community Representative for the South, requested that the Chair resend a letter that the previous Chair had sent to the department on 4 December 2024, regarding publication of ANEI contours. The response received had advised the department had no authority to direct Airservices Australia (Airservices) in this matter and had suggested that the Chair write to the Minister following the appointment of the Government.

Mr Hill also raised concerns regarding noise complaints that relate to Bankstown airport that he felt may relate to Sydney Airport, in particular from Dural, that he would be raising at the next IMC meeting. Mr Hill stated that for each complaint made to SACF members there would be hundreds or thousands of people who were affected. Mr John Clarke, representing the Community Representative for the North noted that a lot of recent correspondence had come through to him, including the Dural issue.

Mr Clarke also noted that he had asked for a couple of changes to the March 2025 SACF summary record, and asked whether it would be circulated. Mr Small noted he was aware that several changes had been requested, and that the Chair had approved for the summary record to be published on the SACF website. Mr Small advised that the Secretariat would check if Mr Clarke's changes were incorporated. [The Secretariat has checked and can confirm that Mr Clarke's amendments, which he requested on 31 March 2025, were incorporated into the version of the summary record that was published on the SACF website].

Ms Maria Patrinos, Community Representative for the West stated that she has some correspondence from community members that she still needs to respond to and assured that a response would be provided.

Ms Bella Glenny, representing the Community Representative for the East asked if the 'Short Term Noise Monitoring Program, La Perouse' document, which was included as part of the SACF Meeting Papers emailed to representatives prior to the 14 November SACF meeting, was the report for the Kevin Seven amended flight path noise study. The secretariat replied that this issue would be covered later in the meeting.

2/2025-1: Chair to write to the Minister on behalf of SACF requesting that the government direct Airservices to publish the ANEI down to the ANEI 15, or preferably the ANEI 10, contour.



Agenda item 3 – Sydney Airport update – Sydney Airport Master Plan

Mr Ted Plummer, Senior Adviser, Government and Community Relations, Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL), provided an update about Sydney Airport operations. A copy of the slides presented are attached.

Mr Plummer's presentation covered:

- Post COVID recovery in number of flights
- Sydney Airport Master Plan 2045 being on public exhibition, covering Sydney Airport's vision and objectives to support continued growth.
- Aviation Activity forecasts
- T1 Terminal development plan
- Overview and benefits of the Eastern Expansion Program
- Airport Environment Strategy
- Continued implementation of the LTOP
- Noise management and the noise exposure forecast.

Mr Plummer highlighted key elements of the Sydney Airport preliminary draft Master Plan, including that the Eastern Expansion Project (EEP) will see additional terminal capacity between T2 and T3, and enable international flights to operate from the east of the terminal thereby improving efficiency. This project will be subject to a Major Development Plan. More details will be available to share at the next SACF meeting.

Mr Plummer emphasised that the current flight paths are spread over 3 runways, however with the facilitated changes to flight paths with the opening of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (WSI) the flight paths will be condensed with changes over the North-South Runways. Mr Plummer notes that the forecast ANEI contours expand and that it is expected communities will notice the change. SACL has ensured that additional community consultation has been undertaken with mailbox drops distributed to 420,000 houses in impacted areas and 12 community drop-in sessions.

Mr Clarke asked if Sydney Airport intended on capturing the majority of Sydney's air traffic considering the forecast in the preliminary draft Sydney Airport Master Plan 2045 makes up a significant portion of the Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics (BITRE) aviation forecast. Mr Clarke noted that SACL forecasts in the Sydney Basin are inconsistent to WSI and BITRE. Mr Plummer noted that SACL uses its own forecasts and emphasised that airlines make their own decisions about which airport they will choose to fly to. Mr Plummer noted that there is no doubt that Sydney needs two airports and WSI will be successful, but SACL's intention is for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport to remain Sydney's primary airport.

Mr Hill noted that the Sydney Airport Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP) is not meeting targets currently and asked what expectations SACL has for LTOP considering the increase in aircraft traffic. Mr Plummer noted that there will be an increase in flights to the West if flight paths to the North are reduced. Mr Plummer noted that the LTOP is a target and has required revision since implementation. Mr Plummer also noted that the intention is to implement noise sharing modes as the modelling of the noise sharing modes is showing success. Mr Hill noted that he is working closely with Mr Clarke and Mr David Binskin of Airservices on further training for Air Traffic Controllers to help engagement in LTOP, and stated that the opening of Western Sydney International Airport gives the opportunity to implement the noise-sharing modes as intended.



Mr Hill asked Mr Plummer to elaborate about facilitated changes resulting from WSI opening and their impact on the community. Mr Plummer advised that the changes to departures to the west from the East West Runway will result in 2 of the 3 flight paths being shut down.

Mr Hill asked if there has been much community consultation regarding the changes to flight paths towards the West of the Airport as part of the opening of WSI. Mr Plummer confirmed that Members of Parliament, Councillors and Councils have been provided with an opportunity to comment. It was noted that WSI will have a greater impact on those communities than operations from Sydney Airport.

Ms Patrinos noted that the impact is greater to the Bayside, Bankstown, Rockdale and Earlwood communities than they were originally led to believe and that the communication regarding these changes to the flight paths could have been better.

Ms Glenny advocated for a concentrated flight path between La Perouse and Kurnell over water to avoid unnecessary noise being spread over a larger footprint. It was noted that Mr Alan Dukes, Community Representative for the East, has been discussing this issue at IMC and it is currently under consideration.

The Chair thanked Mr Plummer and requested any further questions be raised with Mr Plummer after the meeting, either directly or through the Chair.

2/2025-2: Mr Plummer to provide an updated copy of the presentation for the secretariat to circulate.

2/2025-3: Mr Plummer to provide a copy of the Sydney Basin forecast analysis and LTOP mode usage analysis for the Secretariat to circulate.

Agenda Item 4 – Airservices Australia Update and Implementation and Monitoring Committee (IMC) report

Mr Tim Gill of Airservices provided a presentation updating Members on operations and impacts and provided an update on agenda item 7, the IMC report. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Due to time constraints the Chair advised that questions should be taken on notice.

Mr Gill's update covered:

- LTOP Performance over the last 6 months remaining consistent
- Movement cap and movement data over the last 6 months
- Curfew dispensations and the process behind requesting a dispensation
- IMC action items 171/6, 171/9.1.1, 170/10.1 and 171/13 being closed
- Military aircraft movement over La Perouse
- Ongoing investigations into SODPROPS



Mr Gill provided an update on the noise monitors surrounding the Sydney Basin and highlighted that due to the extreme weather over the past few months there was an uptick in equipment damage to noise monitoring stations. Mr Gill noted that Airservices undertook repairs quickly and ensured that there was minimal disruption to monitoring. Mr Gill noted a meeting took place out of session with Mr Clarke to discuss new staff, improvement of LTOP to make it engaging and the improvement of operating procedures, and an upcoming meeting with Mr Hill to experience Aircraft noise.

2/2025-5: Members to submit questions regarding the Airservices update as Questions on Notice.

Agenda Item 5 – Action Item 3 - Mode 9 subcommittee

Mr David Binskin of Airservices provided an update on Action Item 3 (LTOP mode 9) stating that advice from a subject matter expert is required before closing this item and they are anticipated to be available once they have ceased work on WSI.

Agenda Item 6 – Update on Initiative 35 of the Aviation White Paper

Mr Clarke followed up Action Item 4 about Airservices confirming if it can provide SACF members the weekend runway utilisation reports mentioned at Section 11(4) of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995*. Mr Russell McArthur responded that Airservices is working with the department to clarify these reporting requirements and that the reports are statutory requirements that would have to be separately approved for reporting to this forum. Mr McArthur said he would take this question on notice, so the action item will be left open. The Chair requested that Airservices also consider whether, in lieu of the statutory reports, it could provide a summary.

2/2025-6: Airservices to confirm whether they can provide the weekend runway use reports mentioned at Section 11(4) of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995*, or a summary thereof.

Agenda Item 8. Update from Community Representatives

Ms Glenny enquired further about the ‘Short Term Noise Monitoring Program, La Perouse’ document, which was included as part of the SACF Meeting Papers, and whether it was a response to the assessment of the KEVIN 7 Standard Instrument Departure (SID) flight path. Mr McArthur advised that the circulated document was unrelated to the assessment of KEVIN 7 SID and that this matter would be best clarified at the next IMC meeting.

Mr Clarke proposed that SACF make a submission to the Sydney Airport preliminary draft Master Plan 2045, in order to fulfil its role. Mr Clarke noted that the submission needs to be made in the next fortnight and in his view, needs independent technical assistance to collate members’ comments and draft a submission. Given the urgency of this, Mr Clarke proposed the direct appointment of Mr Tony Williams, the previous Aviation Community Advocate and a recognised expert in aircraft noise monitoring, as there was no other way to achieve a submission in the time available.

Mr Small informed Members that the department is not funded to employ independent consultants for SACF and as a government department there is an obligation to undertake an Approach to Market for procurements.

Mr Small stated it was up to all members of the forum to make a submission, together or separately and Mr Williams is welcome to make a submission in his own right. The Chair reminded the members that the department would be unable to hire a technical expert, however there would be utility in providing a submission together.



Ms Patrinos stated that historically a response is collated and reviewed by community representatives, but she noted the bulk of work falls on community representatives. The Chair suggested that the members can provide individual submissions to Ms Emily Tyrrell, Senior Electoral Officer, and that she would be able to work with community members to collate a response.

Ms Sarah Nattey, Assistant Secretary, Airports Branch noted that the department must be mindful as the regulators of Sydney Airport and advisors to the Minister regarding the assessment of the draft Master Plan. The department needs to establish a clear firewall for probity's sake. Ms Nattey also emphasised the department provides secretariat services to the Chair in her role as the Chair, and the department cannot fund the engagement of Mr Williams or other technical experts.

The Chair noted it was important to have community submissions, as there was still a lot of utility in expressing community impacts without technical impacts. The Chair proposed a meeting with the community representatives ahead of the cut-off date to help with a submission.

2/2025-7: Ms Tyrrell to provide contact information to allow SACF members to arrange a meeting to discuss their submissions in the next fortnight.

Ms Glennly mentioned the recent aircraft incident in Kentucky, USA and queried the safety of aircraft taking off and flying over Major Hazard Facilities situated at NSW Ports. Ms Glennly stated she was particularly concerned about the imminent changes as a result of the expansion plans of NSW Ports which would relocate gas and fuel ships to be under the flight path of some aircraft taking off in a Southerly direction from 16L. Ms Glennly stated that on page 141 of the Sydney Airport Master Plan, the diagram confirmed that non-jet aircraft overfly the area where the gas and fuel ships were to be located. Mr Plummer stated that there is overflight by general aviation aircraft only, and no passenger jets. This was followed up by Mr Small who confirmed that Airspace protection is a matter that is assessed as part of the Minister's assessment of the Master Plan.

Agenda Item 9. Other Business

The Secretariat apologised for the technical difficulties experienced in the meeting and will investigate other locations for future meetings.

2/2025-8: Secretariat to investigate other locations for future meetings.

Ms Patrinos asked Airservices if it was possible to place a noise monitor in locations expected to be affected by the ANEI contour change prior to the implementation of the changed flight paths to ensure accurate readings. Mr McArthur advised that Airservices is working collaboratively with WSI to obtain baseline data, and will add post-implementation data once WSI opens.

Mr Max Woolf, Representative for the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, stated that the domestic terminal has a "lollipop person" to direct traffic. He asked how Sydney Airport plans to manage traffic in light of forecast growth. Mr Plummer stated that a ground transport plan will be part of the terminal expansion Major Development Plan.

Agenda Item 10 – Close and notification of next meeting

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and contributions, and advised a Meeting Schedule will be confirmed after the Parliamentary Sitting Calendar is released.

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:08pm.



Action Items from SACF Meeting 02/2025 – 14 November 2025

Items		Timeframe	Responsible	Status
1	Chair to write to the Minister on behalf of SACF requesting that the government direct Airservices to publish the ANEI down to the ANEI 15, or preferably the ANEI 10, contour.	By early December 2025	Chair	Closed
2	Mr Plummer to provide an updated copy of the presentation for the secretariat to circulate.	With Meeting Minutes	Ted Plummer / Secretariat	Closed
3	Mr Plummer to circulate Sydney Basin forecast analysis and LTOP mode usage analysis.	By 21 November 2025 to allow SACF members to make a submission to the Sydney Master Plan	Ted Plummer	Closed
4	Mr Gill to provide a copy of the Airservices presentation to circulate to members.	With Meeting Minutes	Airservices	Closed
5	Members to submit questions regarding the Airservices update as Questions on Notice.	28 November 2025	Community Representatives	
6	Airservices to confirm if it can provide the weekend runway utilisation reports mentioned at Section 11(4) of the <i>Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995</i> , or a summary thereof.	Next meeting	Airservices	
7	Ms Tyrrell to provide contact information to allow SACF members to arrange a meeting to discuss their submissions in the next fortnight.	28 November 2025	Emily Tyrrell	Closed
8	Secretariat to investigate other locations for future meetings.	December 2025	Secretariat	Closed



SACF Meeting 02/2025 - 14 November 2025 - Attendance list

Members

Name	Representing
Ms Ash Ambihapahar MP	Chair of SACF, Federal Member for Barton
Ms Emily Tyrrell	Senior Electoral Officer to the Federal Member for Barton
Ms Rachael Rogers	Nominee representing the Federal Member for Bradfield
Mr Matt Woolf	Nominee representing the Federal Member for Kingsford-Smith
Ms Toni O'Loughlin	Nominee representing the Federal Member for Sydney
Ms Maddie Holmes	Nominee representing the Federal Member for Wentworth
Mr Michael Butterworth	Nominee representing the Federal Member for Bennelong
Ms Nikola Borowska	Nominee representing the Federal Member for Cook

Local Council Members

Name	Representing
Mr Ken Welsh	Nominee representing the Inner West Council
Ms Stella Agagiotis	Nominee Representing Randwick City Council
Mr Matthew Salamone	Nominee Representing Randwick City Council
Ms Meryl Bishop	Nominee Representing Randwick City Council

Community Representatives

Name	Representing
Mr John Clarke	Nominee representing the Community representative for the North
Mr Kevin Hill	Community representative for the South
Ms Bella Glenny	Nominee representing the Community representative for the East
Ms Maria Patrinos	Community representative for the West

Industry Stakeholders

Name	Representing
Mr Adam Bates	Airline Industry (Virgin Australia)
Mr Ted Plummer	Representative for Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
Mr Brett Daley	Representative for Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
Mr Ken Allcott	Representative for Sydney Airport Corporation Limited

Government Attendees

Ms Sarah Nattey	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts
Mr Scott Small	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts
Mr Justin Barrington-Higgs	Secretariat
Ms Emily Brazel	Secretariat
Ms Allison Munro	Secretariat

Presenters

Mr Timothy Gill	Airservices Australia
Mr David Binskin	IMC Chair, Airservices Australia
Mr Russell McArthur	Airservices Australia



Sydney Airport Community Forum

Observers

Mr John Devcic	Community Member
Ms Lynda Newnam	Community Member

Apologies

Mr Alan Dukes	Community representative for the East
Mr Bob Hayes	Community representative for the North