

Forum On Western Sydney Airport

Record of Meeting 4
9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Friday 16 March 2018
Penrith

Chair: Professor Peter Shergold AC

Item	Description	Key Discussion Points	Action Items
1.	Welcome from the Chair and confirmation of agenda	<p>The Chair, Professor Peter Shergold AC, welcomed members to the fourth meeting of Forum On Western Sydney Airport (FOWSA).</p> <p>The Chair noted the following member movements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Fiona Mann, has resigned from Hawkesbury City Council and will no longer represent Council on FOWSA. Council has submitted a nomination for a replacement representative for the Minister's consideration;• Ms Alison Morgan, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, is leading a newly established team working on the Western Sydney City Deal; and• Mr Damian Callachor, Qantas, will be taking a role in the office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Qantas will nominate a new representative to FOWSA for the Minister's consideration. <p>The Chair acknowledged apologies received (see Appendix B of this meeting record) and welcomed delegates representing FOWSA members unable to attend the meeting. The Chair also welcomed first-time attendees, including the Chair of WSA Co, Paul O'Sullivan, the newly-appointed WSA Co CEO, Graham Millett, and WSA Co Chief Financial Officer, Ms Shelley Cole.</p> <p>The Record of Meeting 3 was agreed.</p> <p>Members were advised that five of the seven Action Items from the previous meeting were to be addressed through today's proceedings and presentations</p>	

		<p>(refer to Appendix A of this meeting record). In relation to the other two Action Items, the Chair advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the FOWSA Secretariat had requested feedback on the FOWSA Communication and Engagement Strategy within the agreed timeframe; and • the Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan (LUIIP) for the Western Sydney Airport Priority Growth Area had not been finalised and the agenda item concerning proposed aircraft noise-related planning controls would be held over until the LUIIP is publicly released. <p>The Chair confirmed the meeting agenda with members.</p>	
2.	Western Sydney Airport general project update	<p>Mr Garth Taylor from the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (the Department) provided a Western Sydney Airport project update.</p> <p>Mr Taylor began by explaining the Commonwealth's future role in the context of WSA Co's establishment. The Commonwealth will fulfil four principal functions. These are as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shareholder in WSA Co; • contract manager of the project deed with WSA Co; • regulator under the Airports Act 1996; and • proponent in relation to specific activities specified in the Airport Plan (e.g. Aboriginal cultural heritage, biodiversity offsets, airspace and flight path design, and baseline water quality monitoring). <p>Mr Taylor stated that the Department would continue to report to FOWSA on issues relating to airspace and flight path design, biodiversity offsets and consultations with Aboriginal stakeholders.</p> <p>Mr Taylor provided an overview of the current work focus, noting the following activities and developments:</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Site preparatory activities</u>: The last of the 233 properties cleared at the airport site was demolished in January 2018. • <u>Aboriginal cultural heritage program</u>: The Department has conducted Aboriginal stakeholder forums and has commenced the cultural heritage program. This includes running Aboriginal stakeholder forums, consulting on plans and conducting an initial survey and salvage program to enable preparatory activities such as the relocation of TransGrid's 330 kV electricity transmission line. Following the grant of an airport lease, WSA Co will be responsible for developing the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). • <u>Aviation Fuel Supply Corridor Options Report</u>: The report, prepared in line with Condition 26 of the Airport Plan, has been completed following extensive stakeholder engagement. Endorsed by the Department on 21 December 2017, the report is available online at westernsydneyairport.gov.au/media-resources. • <u>Biodiversity activities</u>: The Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan is expected to be in place by mid-2018. Biodiversity activities currently underway include funding of Greening Australia's Native Seed Production Area Program and support for the Threatened Flora Propagation Plan being carried out for the Department at the Australian Botanic Garden Mt Annan. 	
3.	WSA Co initial presentation	<p>The Chair introduced Mr Paul O'Sullivan, Chair of WSA Co, and invited him to inform members about the establishment of the company and its role and responsibilities.</p> <p>Mr O'Sullivan thanked the Chair for the opportunity to attend FOWSA and expressed his hope that this represented the start of an ongoing and productive relationship with the forum. Members were invited to introduce themselves to the WSA Co representatives and explain their interest in being on FOWSA.</p>	

		<p>Mr O'Sullivan highlighted three important goals of the airport development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to address the need for additional aviation capacity in the Sydney basin;• to be the airport of choice for Western Sydney communities; and• to be a catalyst for regional economic growth. <p>WSA Co's intention is to build a world-class full service airport on time and on budget. It will also seek to maximise the social and economic benefits of the airport for the broader Western Sydney community. Mr O'Sullivan introduced the WSA Co board members and their backgrounds.</p> <p>Graham Millett, CEO of WSA Co, provided an expanded overview of the company's aspirations and establishment, which included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WSA Co is governed by a Board, which includes seven members who hold a strong mix of skills across aviation, commercial, engineering and technology industries;• the company currently has 18 staff and is actively recruiting for other positions;• geotechnical investigations, land surveying and baseline air and noise monitoring are underway;• the company's procurement program has begun, and industry has been invited to register interest in early earthworks and also bulk earthworks and airside civil works. Earthworks are due to start later this year;• the immediate priorities to progress construction at the site are the procurement of an early earthworks contractor and the finalisation of the airport layout design;• employment targets have been set, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 11,000 direct and indirect jobs in the construction phase	
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4.	Aviation ESG update	<p>Mr Michael Gregory from the Department provided an update on the recent work of the Aviation Expert Steering Group (ESG):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Finalisation of the Statement of Works (SOW)</u>: The ESG finalised the SOW in December 2017. The SOW will be used as a baseline to develop a detailed airspace design work program. • <u>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Airservices Australia</u>: Airservices Australia will undertake the detailed technical design of airspace and flight paths for single runway operations, working closely with the Department. The parties are currently working to establish a MOU, which will cover matters such as a detailed Project Management Plan and Work Program, governance arrangements, and consultation with industry and the community. • <u>Governance arrangements</u>: Airservices Australia will base airspace design requirements on the 'Future Airspace System' model applied to new parallel runway developments at Brisbane and Melbourne. In line with this model and drawing on discussions with Brisbane Airport Corporation, the Department has revised the airspace design governance structure to introduce a Joint Implementation Group (JIG) led by the Department. The JIG will be responsible for ensuring that the airspace design is delivered in 	

		<p>accordance with the MOU and the Project Work Program and associated timelines. The JIG is expected to meet monthly and will act as a conduit between the Aviation Expert Steering Group (ESG) and the Technical Working Groups (TWG).</p> <p>In response to a question as to whether any other airspace designers had been considered to undertake the airspace and flight path design, Mr Gregory confirmed that the Australian Government had decided that Airservices Australia, as the national air navigation service provider, would do this work. The observation was made that the changes to airspace required to accommodate aircraft operations at WSA should be used as an opportunity to review airspace arrangements across the Sydney basin. Adrian Sloodtjes stated his understanding that the Australian Strategic Air Traffic Management Group, ASTRA, was proposing to write to the government calling for a holistic review of Sydney basin airspace.</p> <p>Detailed airspace and flight path design will take several years to complete and members acknowledged the sensitivities and balance required in releasing information to the public about specific design proposals. Mr Gregory commented that Condition 16 of the Airport Plan clearly sets out the requirements that will be followed in progressing the airspace and flight path design, including consultation with industry and the community.</p> <p>Mr Gregory also noted that the Department had met recently with representatives of Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC), which has a reputation as a leader in communicating and engaging with the community about airspace change proposals and associated aircraft overflight noise. Members commented that the experience of BAC in finalising its airspace and flight path design for the New Parallel Runway project would provide valuable lessons for WSA.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretariat to invite Brisbane Airport Corporation to present on the New Parallel Runway project at a future FOWSA meeting.
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5.	Western Sydney City Deal and Rail	<p>Ms Claire Howlett from the Department spoke about the recently-announced Western Sydney City Deal and its implications for the development of Western Sydney Airport and its surrounds.</p> <p>The City Deal was signed by all three levels of government on Sunday 4 March 2018. It represents a long-term (20-year) commitment to a shared, coordinated and customised approach to infrastructure investment, land use planning and improved governance. Ms Howlett identified six key domains for action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity • Jobs for the future • Planning and housing • Liveability and environment • Skills and education • Implementation and governance <p>WSA is a catalyst for the City Deal and associated regional infrastructure, such as rail and road connections, and development of the proposed Badgerys Creek aerotropolis. The aerotropolis vision is for a world class city district that includes advanced manufacturing, health, education and training, and aerospace precincts, and attracts high value jobs close to WSA.</p> <p>Cr John Thain, Mayor of Penrith City Council, stated that the City Deal would facilitate streamlined, flexible planning across all levels of government.</p> <p>Mr Mark Laduzko from the Department provided an overview of the outcomes of the Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study, which was released alongside the City Deal. The Scoping Study identifies a preferred rail network for Western Sydney that includes North-South and East-West links to WSA and supplementary links that support future growth and the airport. The scoping study is available online at westernsydneyairport.gov.au/rail.</p>	
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6.	FOWSA Communication & Engagement Strategy update and Open Halls (drop-in sessions)	<p>The Chair introduced the agenda item by noting FOWSA's previous discussions about how the forum could enhance its public visibility and accessibility. A proposal to conduct "Open Hall" (drop-in) sessions has been developed by the Department in consultation with the Chair.</p> <p>Mr Garth Taylor and Ms Stana Culjak from the Department addressed relevant Action Items from the last meeting and facilitated group discussion about planning for the upcoming Open Hall (drop-in) sessions and FOWSA open meeting.</p>	

Meeting 3 Agenda Items Update

- Correspondence register: A copy of the updated FOWSA correspondence register was included in each member's meeting pack. Reporting on the register will be a standing item for future meetings. Following further consideration of privacy and other relevant matters, the report will remain internal to FOWSA members.
- Digital and social media: Research was commissioned by the Department on a range of options for disseminating information via digital engagement and social media. For the Phase 1 Communication and Engagement Strategy, the Department intends to provide members with monthly project information updates for members, councils and stakeholders to use on social media platforms. This content will link back to the WSA website to establish this as the main source of information on the project, consistent with evaluative research which indicates that a dedicated website was one of the most preferred channels for the community to receive information. The role of social media will be reviewed for the Phase 2 Strategy.
- FOWSA newsletter distribution strategy: A copy of the strategy was included in each member's meeting pack, fulfilling Action Item 1 from Meeting 3. The strategy includes hard copy and digital distribution of each newsletter, with a particular focus on the digital strategies. Mr Taylor stated that hardcopy newsletter distribution had increased from 10,000 to more than 40,000 residences, with copies sent to all Federal and State members of Parliament.

Members supported the more targeted distribution strategy and reported considerably less negative feedback about the airport project in recent months. The importance of maintaining open and transparent communication channels was also acknowledged.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Communication and Engagement Strategy</u>: Feedback on the draft Phase 1 FOWSA Communication and Engagement Strategy was sought from members out of session after the last meeting. The Phase 1 strategy has been settled taking account of members' feedback. The Strategy will be updated in 2019 heading into Phase 2. <p>FOWSA Open Halls (drop-in sessions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Open Hall (drop-in) sessions will be conducted from Wednesday 30 May to Saturday 2 June 2018, with four events at different locations in Western Sydney. The first three weekday events will run from 5-8pm and the final weekend event will run from 10am – 1pm. Other local government areas will be visited in future rounds of Open Halls (drop-in sessions). • At these events, FOWSA members will have the opportunity to engage directly with members of the public about the airport project. Members of the public will be able to gain an understanding of how members, as their representatives, can best assist them to stay up to date and have their voices heard. • Members discussed the proposed structure and logistics associated with the sessions. At each venue, several information booths will be set up highlighting particular elements of the airport project, associated infrastructure developments and strategic regional planning. Specialists capable of informing members of the public and answering queries will staff each booth. As well as informing the public about the status of the airport project, the Open Halls provide an opportunity to gauge community views and allow FOWSA members to receive public feedback. • The Department will be responsible for promoting the Open Halls (drop-in sessions) through newspaper advertisements in Western Sydney as well as online. The Secretariat will apply its experience from previous EIS open 	
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		<p>forums to facilitate the smooth and effective operation of the FOWSA Open Halls.</p> <p>June FOWSA Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 5 of FOWSA will be held on the afternoon of 2 June 2018 following the final Open Hall (drop-in) session. The meeting will be open to members of the public and will include a public question-and-answer session. Community attendees will be required to pre-register for the event and submit questions to the Secretariat before the meeting. • The Chair stated that members will be kept informed as preparations for the meeting and Open Hall (drop-in) sessions are finalised. 	<p>2. Secretariat to provide additional information to members regarding the Open Halls (drop-in sessions) and June FOWSA meeting once arrangements are finalised.</p>
7.	Other business	<p>The Chair updated FOWSA on his recent meetings with key stakeholder groups in the Blue Mountains. Accompanied by Ms Joanne Bromilow, Professor Shergold met with representatives of the Blue Mountains City Council regarding a report commissioned by Council on the effects of aircraft overflight noise on wilderness and natural areas of the Blue Mountains.</p> <p>Professor Shergold and Ms Bromilow also met with the President of the community group Residents Against Western Sydney Airport (RAWSA) and the Mountains Combined Chamber and Community.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Luke Nicholls for arranging the meeting with Council and Ms Bromilow for making herself available for the meetings.</p> <p>Mr Wayne Willmington passed on positive feedback he had received about the conduct of the Cemetery Relocation Plan. He also noted community concerns about the proposal to retain rural zoning of land west of The Northern Road.</p> <p>Mr Slootjes commented that the Badgerys Creek site brings meteorological challenges for aircraft operations and that the Bureau of Meteorology has been asked to look into the weather monitoring requirements for the airport.</p>	

8.	Upcoming meetings	<p>Members were advised that the dates for the next two FOWSA meetings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, 2 June 2018; and • Friday, 26 October 2018. <p>Suggested topics/presenters for future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane Airport New Parallel Runway Project – airspace and flight path design and associated communications and community engagement • Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan for Western Sydney • Northrop Grumman - aerospace institute • TAFE / Western Sydney University • Aboriginal cultural heritage 	
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Status of Outstanding Action ItemsMeeting 1, 26 May 2017

Action Item Number	Action Item	Status
4	FOWSA Secretariat to distribute meeting papers to members electronically at least one week in advance of FOWSA.	Ongoing.

Meeting 3, 21 November 2017

Action Item Number	Action Item	Status
6	FOWSA Secretariat to include an item in the Meeting 4 agenda on aircraft noise-related planning controls proposed in the Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan for the Western Sydney Airport Priority Growth Area.	Postponed until future meeting pending release of the Plan.

Meeting 4, 16 March 2018

Action Item Number	Action Item	Status
1	Secretariat to invite Brisbane Airport Corporation to present on the New Parallel Runway project at a future FOWSA meeting.	To be completed.
2	Secretariat to provide additional information to members regarding the Open Halls (drop-in sessions) and June FOWSA meeting once arrangements are finalised.	To be completed.

Attendees

Professor Peter Shergold AC (Chair) – Chancellor, Western Sydney University
Ms Anne Stanley MP – Federal Member for Werriwa
Ms Karen Correy – Office of Senator the Hon Marise Payne
Ms Debby Dewbery – Office of Mr Christopher Patterson MP (NSW)
Ms Alison Morgan – Director, Sydney Region, New South Wales Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ms Kiersten Fishburn – CEO, Liverpool City Council
Ms Joanne Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland
Mr Jacob Idiculas – Resident of Bossley Park
Mr John Walton – Resident of Silverdale
Mr Wayne Willmington – Resident of Luddenham
Mr Bob Germaine – Regional Development Australia Sydney
Ms Lee de Winton – CEO, Sydney Metro Airports Bankstown and Camden
Mr Chris Taylor – Sydney Business Chamber
Mr Wayne Rylands – Campbelltown City Council
Dr Mike Freeland MP – Federal Member for Macarthur
Mr Damian Callachor – Senior Manager, Government Industry and International Affairs, Qantas
Mr Adrian Slootjes – Manager, Air Traffic Management and Meteorology, Virgin Australia
Cr John Thain – Mayor, Penrith City Council

Apologies

Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for New South Wales
Mr Christopher Patterson MP – New South Wales State Member for Camden
Ms Lindy Deitz – General Manager, Campbelltown City Council
Mr Mike Higgins – CEO, Regional Aviation Association of Australia
Mr Gordon Henwood – Resident of Mulgoa
Ms Adriana Care – Resident of Camden-Narellan
Mr Luke Nicholls – Director, City and Community Outcomes, Blue Mountains City Council
Mr David Borger – Western Sydney Director, Sydney Business Chamber