



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development and Communications

# WESTERN SYDNEY Fact Sheet



## Forum on Western Sydney Airport

The Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FOWSA) connects the community, the Government and Western Sydney Airport company (the airport operator) during planning and development of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport. The establishment of FOWSA was a key condition in the Western Sydney Airport Plan. By engaging the community early in the development of the airport, FOWSA will ensure the community's views are taken into account.

### Background

The *Western Sydney Airport Plan (2016)* authorises the construction and operation of Stage 1 of the airport, including a single 3.7 km runway and a terminal with capacity for 10 million passengers a year. Airport construction started in September 2018.

Airport Plan conditions are mandatory and mean that the Commonwealth must deliver the airspace and flight path design for single runway operations before airport operations commence in 2026. Condition 16(2) requires the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (the Department) to:

*“establish a community and stakeholder reference group (FOWSA) which will operate until the end of the detailed design stage... [of the airspace and flight path design process].”*

A key objective of FOWSA is to ensure the views of the community are taken into account throughout the airspace and flight path design process for the Stage 1 airport development. FOWSA will also allow the community, local authorities, airport users and other interested parties to be informed about a range of issues relating to the broader planning and development of the airport, including maximising the economic and social benefits of the project for Western Sydney.

An aviation Expert Steering Group, led by the Department, is overseeing the detailed planning and design process for the airport's airspace arrangements and flight paths. Other members of the steering group include Airservices Australia, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and the airport operator. FOWSA and the Expert Steering Group will work collaboratively to deliver an informed and community-consulted airspace and flight path design for Western Sydney International.

The airspace and flight path design process is a complex technical task that will be conducted over several years.

The terms of reference developed for FOWSA set out the objectives of the forum, the membership structure, the roles of the independent Chair and members, other administrative details and reporting requirements. The terms of reference, *Western Sydney Airport Environmental Impact Statement (2016)* and the Airport Plan are available at

[www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au](http://www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au).

## FOWSA membership

(as September 2020)

Member category	Current members
<b>Up to 10 community representatives</b>	<p>Ms Joanne Bromilow, Resident of Blaxland            Mr Gordon Henwood, Resident of Mulgoa            Mr Jacob Idiculas, Resident of Bossley Park            Mr John Walton, Resident of Silverdale            Mr Wayne Willmington, Resident of Luddenham            Mr Gregory Copeland, Resident of Camden            Dr Mike Freeland MP, Federal Member for Macarthur            Ms Melissa McIntosh MP, Federal Member for Lindsay            Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Senator for NSW            Ms Anne Stanley MP, Federal Member for Werriwa</p>
<b>Up to five local government representatives</b>	<p>Ms Lindy Deitz, General Manager, Campbelltown City Council            Dr Rosemary Dillon, General Manager, Blue Mountains City Council            Cr Ross Fowler OAM, Mayor, Penrith City Council            Cr Paul Rasmussen, Hawkesbury City Council            TBD, Liverpool City Council</p>
<b>One NSW Government representative</b>	Mr Tim Poole, Chief Operating Officer, Western Parkland City Authority
<b>One regional airport operator representative</b>	Mr Jim Davis, Chairman, Regional Aviation Association Australia
<b>One representative of general aviation users</b>	TBD, Sydney Metro Airports
<b>Up to two representatives of the major airlines</b>	<p>Ms Britt Becroft, Manager, Industry Affairs, Qantas Group            TBD</p>
<b>Up to two persons with connections to relevant representative agencies or organisations</b>	<p>Mr David Borger, Western Sydney Director, Sydney Business Chamber            Mr Bob Germaine, Regional Development Australia, Sydney</p>
<b>An independent Chair</b>	Ms Lee de Winton, Independent Chair
<b>Ex-officio members</b>	<p>Mr Scott MacKillop, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Western Sydney Airport            Ms Katy Hannouch, General Manager – Community Engagement and Partnerships, Western Sydney Airport</p>

## Resourcing and administrative support

FOWSA meets at least three times each year in Western Sydney. The secretariat is provided by the Department.