

Forum on Western Sydney Airport

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10:00am – 12:15pm, Friday 14 October 2022

Rydges Parramatta, 116-118 James Ruse Dr, Rosehill

Chair: Ms Lee de Winton

Item	Description	Key Discussion Points	Action Items
1.	Welcome from Chair, confirmation of agenda	<p>The Chair, Ms Lee de Winton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened the meeting by formally acknowledging the Dharug people as the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held. • Welcomed members to the second meeting for the year. • Noted the apologies to the meeting. Refer to Appendix B. The apologies included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for New South Wales. ○ Ms Melissa McIntosh MP, Federal Member for Lindsay ○ Ms Anne Stanley MP, Federal Member for Werriwa ○ Dr Mike Freelander MP, Federal Member for Macarthur ○ Dr Rosemary Dillon – CEO, Blue Mountains City Council ○ Ms Lindy Deitz – General Manager, Campbelltown City Council ○ Cr Tricia Hitchen – Mayor, Penrith City Council ○ Mr David Borger – Business Western Sydney ○ Mr Peter Diplas, Liverpool City Council ○ Ms Britt Beecroft, Qantas Representative ○ Ms Anna Guillan, Regional Development Australia ○ Cr Eddie Dogramaci – Hawkesbury City Council ○ Mr David Trevelyan – Basair 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised the Forum that she intended to appoint Ms Sue Templeman MP, Federal Member for Macquarie, the Hon. Mr Angus Taylor MP, Federal Member for Hume and Mr Matt Gould, Mayor of Wollondilly Shire Council to be new members of FoWSA. • Welcomed the Federal Member for Macquarie and the new Deputy Secretary from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts, Ms Marisa Purvis-Smith to the meeting. • Noted that there were no outstanding action items and confirmed the agenda for the meeting. 	
2.	Update from the Department	<p>Mr David Jansen (Assistant Secretary, Western Sydney Airport Regulatory Policy) presented an update from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the Department).</p> <p>The Department advised members of the commencement of community pop-up events to build awareness of the environmental assessment process for flight paths. The pop-up events would also allow the Department to survey the community on key issues such as Indigenous and European heritage, visual amenity and the natural environment, so that these issues can be addressed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement when it is released. Some members expressed concern with the lack of consultation and notice provided to FoWSA on these pop-up events. The Department advised that pop-up events had not been advertise to ensure the surveys undertaken represented the views of a broad and genuine cross section of the community.</p>	<p>Action item 1: Department to provide members with the methodology for the Noise Monitoring Program.</p> <p>Action item 2: Department to confirm the number of noise monitors that have been installed in the Blue Mountains region.</p> <p>Action item 3: Department to provide FoWSA a presentation on the Aviation White Paper.</p>

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		<p>The Department advised members on the installation of noise monitors (also called loggers) at properties around Western Sydney. The noise monitors are part of the Noise Monitoring Program to gather information on background (or ambient) noise levels in residential, recreational and commercial areas to inform the draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Department was asked to provide further information on the methodology being used to assess the baseline noise under the Noise Monitoring Program and to advise FoWSA on the number of noise monitors installed in the Blue Mountains region.</p> <p>The Department advised members that it proposed to update the prescribed airspace or Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) around the Airport. The Member representing the Western Parkland City Authority noted that the OLS could impact development around the aerotropolis and Bradfield and asked that the Western Parklands City Authority be consulted on these changes.</p> <p>The Department also provided an update on the Aboriginal Keeping Place, Brisbane flight paths Post Implementation Review and the upcoming Aviation White Paper.</p>	
3.	Update on flight paths	<p>Mr Anthony Nugent from To70 provided a presentation on the flight path design process.</p> <p>Mr Nugent noted the airspace design principles set out in the Western Sydney Airport Plan and the functional requirements that have shaped the airspace and flight path design process. He also discussed the complexity of designing flight paths in the Sydney basin. The Department was asked to provide FoWSA with the</p>	<p>Action item 4: Department to consider providing members with information on the functional requirements for airspace and flight path design.</p>

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		<p>full list of functional requirements. The Department indicated that it would consider the request.</p>	
4.	Engagement Plan for flight paths	<p>Ms Deborah Palmer from WSP Australia provided a presentation on the strategy designed by the Department to guide engagement for the development and exhibition of the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the airspace and flight path design.</p> <p>Ms Palmer discussed how the Engagement Plan was developed, following extensive consultation with key stakeholders; the consultation requirements for the environmental impact statement; the objectives of the Plan, including the different phases; and market research that would be undertaken to inform engagement activities.</p> <p>Ms Palmer noted that the Department’s current focus was on building awareness and educating impacted communities and key stakeholders about the airspace and flight path design process and the upcoming environmental assessment process. She advised FoWSA that the Department was conducting pop-up events and key stakeholder briefings as part of this phase and that a first tranche of market research had commenced.</p> <p>The Department was asked to provide FoWSA with feedback and data on engagement activities at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Member for Macquarie raised concerns about the methodology of the market research and questioned why some areas in the Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury regions were not in the study area. The Member also raised concerns about the</p>	<p>Action item 5: Department to update members on the outcome of engagement activities and first tranche market research at the next meeting.</p>

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		<p>number of pop-up events planned during the 'building awareness' phase and the need to ensure the community are genuinely consulted on the development of flight paths. The Member stated that transparency and openness is key to this engagement.</p> <p>The Department noted that the draft Environmental Impact Statement would seek feedback from the community on the preliminary flight paths and that they would not become final until validated by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.</p>	
5.	Further information on the flight path design process	<p>Mr Nugent advised FoWSA that the feedback received from the community during public exhibition of the draft Environmental Impact Statement would be considered in the final Environmental Impact Statement and would guide the Detail Design phase of the flight path design process.</p> <p>The Department advised members that the Government was working towards a three-month consultation period and that a public submission report is required by legislation.</p> <p>Mr Nugent advised members that the Detailed Design and Implementation changes would be sequenced with other significant activities in Sydney and surrounding airspace and progressed along standard regulatory intervals.</p>	
6.	Update from Western Sydney Airport	<p>Ms Katy Hannouch and Ms Rachel McCormack from WSA Co provided members with an update on the progress of the Airport's construction.</p> <p>WSA Co advised the construction is going well, despite delays caused by excessive rain in the region.</p>	

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		<p>WSA Co gave a detailed breakdown of the state-of-the-art baggage carousel, and discussed public engagement to test the system.</p> <p>WSA Co advised that the Experience Centre is now open 7 days a week based on community feedback.</p> <p>WSA Co discussed First Nations and school engagement, including a flag raising ceremony that was occurring on that morning.</p>	
6.	Next meeting and other business	<p>FoWSA members noted that the next FoWSA meeting is expected to be held on either 2 December or 9 December 2022, subject to availability. Members advised that 9 December 2022 was not optimal, as it would be a sitting week for Parliament.</p> <p>The Member representing residents of Luddenham raised concerns around pollutants and contaminants being stored on the Airport site, near the creek. WSA Co advised FoWSA that the storage cell for contaminants on the Airport site was compliant with requirements, but that they would get back to the member with further details.</p> <p>FoWSA members also briefly noted concerns regarding Public Transport options for the community to the airport and residential development in Luddenham.</p>	<p>Action item 6: WSA Co to provide the Member representing the residents of Luddenham with additional information regarding the storage cell for contaminants at the Airport.</p>
		The meeting was closed by the Chair at 12:17 pm.	

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Appendix A

Status of Outstanding Action Items

Meeting 1, 26 May 2017

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
4	FoWSA Secretariat to distribute meeting papers to members electronically one week in advance of FoWSA	Ongoing

Meeting 7, 29 March 2019

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
6	Secretariat to consider future presentations to FoWSA on the state of air and water quality in Western Sydney, and on the use of alternative fuels and technologies at WSA, including bioenergy	Ongoing

Meeting 11, 19 June 2020

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
2	Ongoing action for Secretariat to collect suggestions from members for future FoWSA meeting topics	Ongoing

Meeting 17, 14 October 2022

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
1	Department to provide members with the methodology for the Noise Monitoring Program.	Ongoing
2	Department to confirm the number of noise monitors that have been installed in the Blue Mountains region.	Ongoing
3	Department to provide FoWSA a presentation on the Aviation White Paper.	Ongoing
4	Department to provide members with information on the functional requirements for airspace and flight path design.	Ongoing
5	Department to update members on the outcome of engagement activities and first tranche market research at the next meeting.	Ongoing
6	WSA Co to provide the Member representing the residents of Luddenham with additional information regarding the storage cell for contaminants at the Airport.	Ongoing

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Appendix B

Attendees

Ms Lee de Winton – Chair of FoWSA
Mr Jacob Idiculas – Resident of Bossley Park
Mr John Walton – Resident of Silverdale
Mr Wayne Willmington – Resident of Luddenham
Ms Joanne Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland
Mr Gregory Copeland – Resident of Camden
Ms Natasha Borgia – Proxy for Cr Tricia Hitchen, Mayor, Penrith City Council
Ms Susan Templeman – Member for Macquarie
Mr Christian Martinazzo – Representative for
Mr Thomas Anderson – Representative for Melisa McIntosh MP
Mr Daniel Jarosch – CEO Sydney Metro Airports
Ms Inga Davis – Western Parkland City Authority
Mr Steven Campbell - Regional Aviation Association of Australia
Mr Scott Mitchell – Virgin Australia
Ms Katy Hannouch – Western Sydney Airport Co
Ms Rachel McCormack - Western Sydney Airport Co
Ms Marisa Purvis-Smith – Deputy Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Mr Richard Wood – First Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Mr David Jansen – Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Mr Danny Namgyal – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Ms Anna Rynne – Senior Policy Officer, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Mr Carl Souness – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

Guest Presenters

Mr Anthony Nugent – To70
Ms Deborah Palmer– WSP Australia

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Joining us online

Ms Megan Morris – Qantas representative

Mr David Trevelyan – Basair

Mr Gordon Henwood – Resident of Mulgoa

Apologies

Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for New South Wales

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