

## Forum on Western Sydney Airport

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9.00am –11:30am, Tuesday 27 June 2023

Penrith Panthers Leagues Club

123 Mulgoa Rd, Penrith NSW 2750

Chair: Ms Lee de Winton

Item	Description	Key Discussion Points	Action Items
1.	Welcome from Chair, confirmation of the agenda and opening remarks	<p>The Chair, Ms Lee de Winton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opened the meeting by formally acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held.</li><li>• Welcomed everyone to the 20<sup>th</sup> FoWSA meeting, the second meeting for 2023.</li><li>• Noted change in FoWSA representation by welcoming Mr Andrew Glenis from Western Parkland City Authority who is replacing Ms Inga Davis.</li><li>• Noted the apologies to the meeting (refer to <b>Appendix B</b> for attendees). The apologies included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ms Anne Stanley MP, Member for Werriwa</li><li>○ Ms Jo Bromilow, Resident for Blaxland</li><li>○ Ms Anna Guillan, Chair of Regional Development Australia</li><li>○ Mr Steven Campbell, CEO of Regional Development Australia</li><li>○ Mr David Trevelyan, CEO of Basair</li><li>○ Mr Scott Mitchell, Virgin Australia</li><li>○ Dr Mike Freeland MP – Member for Macarthur</li><li>○ Mr Daniel Jarosch, Aeria Management Group. David Binskin as the alternative representative</li></ul></li></ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ David Borger, Business Western Sydney. Chris Taylor as the alternative representative</li> <li>○ The Hon Angus Taylor MP, Member for Hume. Kelli Bennett-Smith as the alternative representative</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Noted that action items 1 and 2 from Meeting 19 are still open, and will be addressed at a future meeting this year. Action item 3, 4 and 5 from Meeting 19 are closed.</li> </ul>	
2.	To70	<p>Mr Matt Shepherd (Aviation Specialist, To70) presented a comprehensive overview of the preliminary flight paths for Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (WSI). Mr Rob Morris (Aviation Consultant, To70) assisted with demonstrating the Aircraft Overflight Noise Tool.</p> <p>The Member for Macquarie requested Mr Shepherd talk through the design of the RWY05 Departure South Day preliminary flight path.</p> <p>Mr Shepherd explained that the preliminary flight path takes a turn further out in order to minimise the residential areas affected, including Springwood, and to get aircraft clear and climbing away from residential areas as quickly as possible. Mr Shepherd also advised that the flight path design is affected by the architecture of other flight paths in the area.</p> <p>For RWY23 Departure North Day preliminary flight path, the Member for Macquarie questioned why the flight paths had been designed to cross over the Great Western Highway instead of heading out by Jamieson Valley.</p>	

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		<p>Mr Shepherd advised that the design is affected by the considerable air traffic complexity associated with westbound air traffic from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport near Katoomba. Additionally, the change would result in additional aircraft track miles for aircraft, as extended low-level flight to the west of Katoomba for WSI departures would be required, leading to substantial additional fuel burn and CO2 emissions. This same low-level flight would exacerbate the consequential overflight impacts to communities adjacent to and along the eastern side of the Cox River including Blackheath, Mount Victoria and Lithgow.</p> <p>For Runway 05 day-evening mode, the Member for Lindsay wanted to know why there are arrival and departing flight paths going over the same residential areas in Penrith.</p> <p>Mr Shepherd explained that the preliminary flight paths in this mode over Penrith are at an altitude of about 10,000 feet [3,000 metres]. If the arrival flight path was to be moved further west, then the departure flight paths would need to be kept lower. As departing aircraft are noisier than arriving aircraft, the flight path design team would like to get these aircraft up quickly. In response to a follow up question of what aircraft at 10,000 feet sound like, Airservices Australia advised that the noise would generally be at the same level as an air conditioner in a house.</p> <p>The CEO of Blue Mountains City Council commented that the communication with the community needs to be clearly articulated. The CEO also raised concerns for community impact on the Blue Mountains, for the health and wellbeing of people, the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, fuel dumping and noise mitigation.</p>	

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		<p>The Department advised that it is committed to engaging with community during the release of the preliminary flight paths and continuing through the release of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There will be community information and feedback sessions. The impacts of the preliminary flight paths will be detailed and addressed in the draft EIS. In relation to fuel dumping, Mr Shepherd explained that most modern aircraft flying into WSI cannot fuel dump and it is an unusual event. There are also stringent procedures around fuel dumping, and this matter will be covered in the draft EIS.</p> <p>The Mayor of Wollondilly raised the Australian Noise Exposure Concept (ANEC) contour for single runway and whether there are numbers for a 2055 reference year, and whether the ANEC would lead to changes to land use planning. The Department explained that the ANEC contours are not a substitute for the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP). The Noise Tool shows an ANEC for single runway and up to 2040 reference year. Data for a 2055 reference year will be in the draft EIS. The SEPP reflects an ANEC based on maximum capacity for dual runways. The Department is charged to develop a long-term ANEC but this will take time to complete. A long-term parallel runway Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) is then expected to be used to refine land use planning, however this is longer term work.</p> <p>The Mayor of Wollondilly then asked what the difference is between Runway Reciprocal Operations (RRO) and other overnight runway modes, and which gets preference. Mr Shepherd then explained that the RRO mode can be used when demand is lower and weather conditions permit, and aircraft would land and take off from the south west end of the runway. Mr Shepherd explained that in RRO mode, runway centreline needs to be cleared by departures as soon as possible to</p>	

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		enable aircraft coming in to land safely. For other runway modes, for example Runway 23, there is not the same urgency for departures to clear the runway centreline quickly. The Department has presented runway modes of operation for the community to provide feedback on.	
4.	Community engagement on the preliminary flight paths	<p>Mr David Jansen (Assistant Secretary, Western Sydney Airport Regulatory Policy Branch) informed FoWSA members on the planned engagement activities the Department will undertake to support the release of the preliminary flight paths. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community information and feedback sessions</li> <li>• Community information stalls</li> <li>• Stakeholder briefings</li> <li>• New supporting material (brochures, animations, FAQs)</li> <li>• Letterbox drop</li> <li>• Newspaper notices of community sessions</li> <li>• Social media communication</li> <li>• Dedicated 1800 number and email.</li> </ul> <p>The Member for Macquarie expressed concern that community information and feedback session for the Blue Mountains to be held in Blaxland on 29 July 2023 is too late in the month and requested the Department consider holding an earlier session. Senator Payne also queried if sessions would be held in additional locations. The Department noted this and advised that it would consider additional sessions.</p>	<p><b>Action item 1:</b> Keep members updated on the location and dates of the community information stalls, and community and information feedback sessions. These to be circulated on a weekly basis.</p> <p><b>Action item 2:</b> The Department to ensure the release of the preliminary flight paths can be found on its website at <a href="http://www.infrastructure.gov.au">www.infrastructure.gov.au</a>.</p>
5.	Update from the airport operator	Mr Scott MacKillop (WSA Co) mentioned the announcement of Qantas and Jetstar operating domestic services once WSI opens. The following was also noted:	<b>Action item 3:</b> FoWSA to receive an update from Transport for NSW next year on the transport

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WSI project has reached the half way mark.</li> <li>• 400 million dollars has been injected into the project.</li> <li>• The project has employed 3,270 employees with 50% of them living in the Western Sydney area.</li> <li>• Expression of interest for retail space has been extended.</li> <li>• 34-35% completion of the terminal.</li> <li>• There have been 22,000 people visit the experience centre with a 95% positive rate.</li> </ul> <p>The CEO of Blue Mountains City Council asked about the planning for integrated transport and if there is effective infrastructure on this and if there is a document on the plan and strategy, is it happening concurrently. The Chair explained that FoWSA has previously received a presentation on this from Transport for NSW.</p>	<p>projects to support the opening of WSI.</p>
6.	Next meeting and other business	<p>The Department reminded all that the draft EIS will be released in the next 3-4 months for public exhibition.</p> <p>Chair of FoWSA, Lee de Winton, asked if there is an option to get Western Parkland City Authority (WPCA) to do another briefing on infrastructure activity in Western Sydney.</p> <p>Chair of FoWSA, Lee de Winton, noted that there will be two more FoWSA meetings before the end of the year. The next meeting is expected to be held in September 2023, and this will include a tour of the biodiversity offset site at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills.</p>	<p><b>Action item 4:</b> FoWSA to receive briefing from WPCA on infrastructure activity in Western Sydney at future meeting.</p>
		<p>The meeting was closed by the Chair at 11.30am.</p>	

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### Status of Outstanding Action Items

Appendix A

#### 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 19, 18 March 2023

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
1	The Department to provide FoWSA members with a briefing on ambient noise testing results when details are available.	Open, to be provided at the September meeting.
2	The Department to provide FoWSA members with a briefing on the biodiversity offset and rehabilitation activities at the Orchard Hills defence establishment site.	Open, to be provided at the September meeting.

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1.	FoWSA Secretariat to provide members with weekly updated on planned community engagement activities.	Ongoing
2.	The Department to ensure the release of the preliminary flight paths can be found on its website at <a href="http://www.infrastructure.gov.au">www.infrastructure.gov.au</a>	Closed. Website updated on 27 June 2023, and is being regularly updated to ensure preliminary flight paths information is viewable.
3.	FoWSA to receive an update from Transport for NSW next year on the transport projects to support the opening of WSI.	Open
4.	FoWSA to receive briefing from WPCA on infrastructure activity in Western Sydney at future meeting.	Open



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Appendix B

### Attendees

Ms Lee de Winton, Chair  
Mr Gregory Copeland – Resident of Camden  
Mr Jacob Idiculas – Resident of Bossley Park  
Mr Gordon Henwood – Resident of Mulgoa  
Mr John Walton – Resident of Silverdale  
Mr Wayne Willmington – Resident of Luddenham  
Mr Matt Gould – Mayor, Wollondilly Shire Council  
Ms Tracy Burgess – Blue Mountains City Council  
Dr Rosemary Dillon – Blue Mountains City Council  
Ms Tricia Hitchen – Mayor, Penrith City Council  
Ms Lindy Deitz – Campbelltown City Council  
Mr Andrew Glenis – Western Parkland City Authority  
Ms Melissa McIntosh MP – Member for Lindsay  
Ms Susan Templeman MP – Member for Macquarie  
Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for NSW  
Ms Britt Beecroft – Qantas  
Mr Chris Taylor – Business Western Sydney  
Mr David Binskin – Aeria Management Group  
Ms Kelli Bennett-Smith, Office of the Hon. Angus Taylor MP  
Mr David Jansen – Assistant Secretary, Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Lulu Ou – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Mr Carl Souness - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Ellen West - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Anna Rynne - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Kylie Okines - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Hannah Dening – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Mr Scott MacKillop – WSA Co  
Ms Eva Atkins – WSA Co  
Ms Donna Marshall – Airservices Australia  
Mr David Wells – Airservices Australia  
Mr Daniel Jackson – Airservices Australia

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Ms Annette Ditmar - Airservices Australia

Ms Kate Frazer – Airservices Australia

### **Guest Presenters**

Mr Matt Shepherd – To70

Mr Rob Morris – To70

### **Apologies**

Mr John Ajaka, Liverpool City Council

Mr Eddie Dogramaci – Hawkesbury City Council

Dr Mike Freelander MP – Member for Macarthur

Ms Anna Guillan – Chair of Regional Development Australia

Ms Anne Stanley MP – Member for Werriwa

The Hon Angus Taylor MP – Member for Hume

Mr David Trevelyan – CEO of Basair

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