

Forum on Western Sydney Airport

Record of Meeting 15

10:00am – 12:30pm, Friday 19 November 2021

Quest Penrith, 83 Lord Sheffield Circuit

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 being conducted.• Welcomed members to the meeting. The Chair advised that this would be the final meeting for 2021, with at least three meetings to be held in 2022. COVID restrictions meant it was not feasible to hold an open meeting during 2021, but will be pursued in 2022.• Noted that Minister Fletcher has approved updated Terms of Reference for FoWSA, with membership expanded to include an additional representative of general aviation users. Mr David Trevelyan, CEO, Basair Aviation College has been appointed in this capacity. The updated Terms of Reference also provide for all members to request a proxy/alternate to attend a meeting, with such requests to be determined by the chair on a case by case basis.• 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, Member for Lindsay○ Dr Mike Freelander MP, Member for Macarthur○ Ms Anne Stanley MP, Member for Werriwa○ Cr Ross Fowler OAM, Penrith City Council	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cr Paul Rasmussen, Hawkesbury City Council ○ Dr Eddie Jackson, Liverpool City Council ○ Dr Rosemary Dillon, Blue Mountains City Council ○ Ms Lindy Deitz, Campbelltown City Council ○ Ms Joanne Bromilow, Resident of Blaxland ○ Mr David Borger, Western Sydney Business Chamber ○ Ms Megan Morris, Qantas ○ Mr Ben Rayner, Virgin Australia ○ Mr Tim Poole, Western Parkland City Authority <p>The Chair noted that Mr Tim Poole has left his role at WPCA, and will be replaced by Ms Alison Morgan on an ongoing basis.</p> <p><i>The Secretariat acknowledges that the caretaker period for NSW local governments may have contributed to a lower than usual turnout for this meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confirmed the agenda for the meeting. <p>The Chair referred to previous action items. There was one Action Item arising from Meeting 14 and seven outstanding action items from previous meetings.</p> <p>FOWSA Meeting 14, Item 1 – WSA Co to invite FoWSA members to a webinar on the terminal design.</p> <p>This session was held on 13 October and a link to a recording has been shared for any interested members.</p> <p>FOWSA Meeting 13, Item 2 - Department will arrange a FoWSA presentation on the flight path design process this calendar year.</p>	

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		<p>The Department provided a flight path update during Meeting 14, and further briefing in this meeting at agenda item 3. This action item will be closed, although flight paths will remain a key topic for future FoWSA meetings.</p> <p>Other outstanding action items are either ongoing administrative practices, or relate to proposed topics for discussion at FoWSA, which will be actively pursued for meetings occurring in 2022. Details are at Appendix A.</p>	
2.	Departmental Update	<p>Mr David Jansen (Assistant Secretary, Western Sydney Airport Regulatory Policy) presented an update from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.</p> <p>The Department advised of progress made in acquiring easements to allow for stabilisation of creek beds around the airport site.</p> <p>The Department provided an update on biodiversity obligations, noting that it recently secured 458 <i>Myotis macropus</i> credits. The Department has submitted a BODP Independent Audit Report to the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment. Review and approval of construction environment management plans is ongoing.</p> <p>The Expert Steering Group agreed to seek a referral to the Environment Minister on the method of environment assessment for the airspace and flight path design. It is expected that a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required, and a procurement process is underway for a consultant to undertake the EIS.</p> <p>The Department noted that preliminary flight path design is still underway, with further work still required to address technical issues identified in simulators. FoWSA is a key forum for engagement on flight paths, and the</p>	

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		<p>Department's presentation at this meeting builds on information provided at Meeting 14.</p>	
3.	Flight path update	<p>The Department outlined a series of technical and geographical challenges associated with the design process, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoiding overflight of residential and sensitive sites to the maximum extent possible • WSIA flight paths must accommodate all Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport runway modes, to maintain the functioning of the Sydney Airport Long Term Operating Plan • The need to ensure continuity and access for general aviation operations, including identify alternative flight training areas for Bankstown Airport • Protected airspace over the Orchard Hills Defence facility, which influences options for aircraft to turn left shortly after departure to the north east (runway mode 05) • Avoiding/negotiating access to protected airspace around Richmond RAAF base • The need for aircraft to align with the runway centerline on a 10 nautical mile final approach <p>Designers are following the principles of the ICAO Balanced Approach to Noise Management. Noise abatement operational procedures include the selection of noise preferential runway modes and noise preferential routes (noting that the availability of such options may be affected by weather or traffic). As required by the Airport Plan, the preliminary design will include a reciprocal runway operations mode that can be used at night, to direct flights over less populated areas.</p> <p>Flight paths are being designed to minimise residential overflight where possible, including by aiming for light industrial areas and green corridors.</p>	

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		<p>Expected future residential developments are also taken into account. The number of affected residences will be set out in the EIS.</p> <p>Mr John Walton commented that councils should be given more exposure to flight paths and associated issues prior to the release of the EIS.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the presentation highlighted the complexities of the airspace design process, and the difficulty in avoiding residential areas entirely. The Chair also acknowledged the consideration being given to visually sensitive areas such as the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, in addition to noise sensitive sites.</p> <p>Mr Daniel Jarosch acknowledged the Department's engagement with Bankstown and Camden airports on airspace matters during the preliminary design phase.</p> <p>The Department noted the next steps in the airspace design process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary design will be subject to environmental assessment in 2022 • Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be publicly exhibited in mid-2023 • Final EIS will be prepared, incorporating feedback on the draft • Detailed design phase will commence, taking account of feedback on the EIS 	
4.	Western Sydney Airport Update	<p>The Chair invited Ms Tess Salmon (General Manager External Affairs and Communication, WSA Co) to provide an update on recent progress on airport construction.</p> <p>Ms Salmon advised that major earthworks are now 82% complete, and the terminal design is at 95%. Terminal construction has now commenced,</p>	

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		<p>marked by an event attended by the Prime Minister and NSW Premier. The runway contract has been awarded, with runway construction expected to commence in 2022. The landside civil works contract is also expected to be awarded before the end of 2021.</p> <p>Plans are on track for the WSA Experience Centre to reopen on 1 December 2021, following the temporary closure due to COVID-19.</p>	
5.	Next Meetings and Other Business	<p>At least three FoWSA meetings will be held in 2022, including a meeting open to the public. The Secretariat will advise members of proposed meeting dates in the coming months.</p> <p>FoWSA members are encouraged to contact the FoWSA secretariat with any queries or concerns.</p> <p>Mr Wayne Willmington expressed appreciation for WSA Co's community engagement with locals, dealing with issues such as noise, dust and rain run-off from construction.</p> <p>Members requested key information on the flight path design progress for sharing with the wider community. The Department noted the existing fact sheets and advised all materials on the website will be refreshed and updated in 2022.</p>	
		The meeting was closed by the Chair at 12:30 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
5	Secretariat to arrange a presentation to FOWSA in 2020 on the Future Food Systems Cooperative Research Centre.	Ongoing
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 10, 6 December 2019

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
3	Secretariat to arrange for Ms Concha, Sustainability Manager, WSA Co, to speak at a future meeting	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
5	FOWSA Secretariat to invite universities to speak on their future plans in Western Sydney and the Aerotropolis	Ongoing

Meeting 13, 28 May 2021

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
2	The Department will arrange a FoWSA presentation on the flight path design process this calendar year.	Closed (completed at Meetings 14 & 15)

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Appendix B

Attendees

Ms Lee de Winton – Chair of FoWSA
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
Mr Daniel Jarosch – CEO Sydney Metro Airports
Mr David Trevelyan – CEO Basair Aviation College
Ms Anna Guillan – Chair, Regional Development Australia, Sydney
Ms Alison Morgan – for Mr Tim Poole, Western Parkland City Authority
Mr David Jansen – Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Mr Richard Wood – First Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Ms Dale Sheridan – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Ms Ellen West – Assistant Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Guest Presenters

Mr Matt Shepherd – to70 Aviation (on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications)
Mr Ben Hargreaves – Rehbein Airport Consulting (on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications)
Ms Tess Salmon – Western Sydney Airport Co.

Apologies

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 Freeland MP, Federal Member for Macarthur
Cr Paul Rasmussen, Hawkesbury City Council
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Dr Rosemary Dillon – CEO, Blue Mountains City Council
Ms Lindy Deitz – General Manager, Campbelltown City Council
Dr Eddie Jackson – CEO, Liverpool City Council
Ms Joanne Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland
Mr David Borger – Director, Western Sydney Business Chamber
Mr Tim Poole – Western Parkland City Authority
Ms Megan Morris – Qantas
Mr Ben Rayner – Virgin Australia
Mr Scott MacKillop – Western Sydney Airport Co
Ms Katy Hannouch – Western Sydney Airport Co