

Forum on Western Sydney Airport

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10:00am – 12:00pm, Friday 2 December 2022

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Chair: Ms Lee de Winton

Item	Description	Key Discussion Points	Action Items
1.	Welcome from Chair and confirmation of agenda	<p>The Chair, Ms Lee de Winton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opened the meeting by formally acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held.• Welcomed members to the third meeting for the year.• Noted a change in FOWSA representation: Mr Peter Diplas has left his role at Liverpool City Council, and will be replaced by Ms Tina Bono on an ongoing basis.• Noted the apologies to the meeting. Refer to Appendix B for attendees. The apologies included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for New South Wales.○ Mr John Walton – Resident of Silverdale○ Dr Mike Freeland MP – Member for Macarthur○ Ms Melissa McIntosh – Member for Lindsay○ Ms Anne Stanley MP – Member for Werriwa○ Ms Lindy Deitz – Campbelltown City Council○ Cr Eddie Dogramaci – Hawkesbury City Council○ Mr Steve Campbell – RAAA○ Ms Katy Hannouch – Western Sydney Airport○ David Borger – Business Western Sydney○ Hon Angus Taylor MP – Member for Hume	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that there were six outstanding action items and confirmed the agenda for the meeting. Action items 1 and 2 have been actioned and with no further comment were closed. 	
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 provided members with an update on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the stakeholder briefings, the development of a noise tool to assist with the release of the flight paths, an online community portal, First Nations consultation and airline simulator testing of flight paths.</p> <p>The Member for Macquarie questioned how long the draft EIS would be on exhibition. The Member also requested information from the Department on what First Nations groups within the Blue Mountains had already been engaged, or would be engaged with.</p> <p>The Department advised a draft EIS exhibition period of 60 business days, which is approximately 3 calendar months.</p>	<p>Action item 1: Department to advise the Member for Macquarie of the First Nations consultation.</p>
3.	Update on engagement and market research	<p>Ms Deborah Palmer from WSP Australia presented on the action to date in delivering the Engagement Strategy for the development and exhibition of the draft EIS for the airspace and flight path design.</p> <p>The Member for Macquarie thanked the Department and WSP for the professional nature of the community pop-up sessions. The Member also questioned if the</p>	<p>Action item 2: WSP will advise Member for Macquarie if the SEIA assessment on childcare and health services within 15km of WSI includes any such services</p>

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		<p>stakeholder list that was currently being engaged could be expanded to include groups that have also expressed opposition against the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (WSI). The Member wanted to understand the basis for the ‘clean sheet of paper approach’ to the current flight paths. Lastly, the Member requested specific information on the Socioeconomic Impact Assessment (SEIA) process in relation to childcare and health services.</p> <p>The Mayor of Wollondilly Shire thanked the Department for attending the council’s special meeting on Western Sydney Airport on Monday 28 November. The Mayor asked if the ‘clean sheet of paper approach’ had been clearly communicated to state planning authorities as part of their planning controls, as members of his community may not be aware of the new flight path design process, and will instead refer to the planning controls that came out of the 2016 EIS.</p> <p>The Department explained the 2016 EIS included proof-of-concept flight paths, which were entirely conceptual. On receiving feedback from the community on these flight paths, the ‘point-merge’ design approach used in the proof-of-concept flight paths was rejected in the subsequent Airport Plan for Western Sydney Airport, requiring a new design.</p>	<p>that are provided from the Blue Mountains.</p> <p>Action item 3: The Department will advise members what area the draft EIS is defining the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area as.</p>
4.	Discussion on the role of FoWSA	<p>The Chair acknowledged the concerns raised by some members since the last meeting on the role of FoWSA. The Chair acknowledged greater emphasis could be placed on getting agenda items from members to be discussed at FoWSA meetings.</p> <p>The Member for Luddenham expressed his frustration regarding the planning challenges in Luddenham, associated with WSI and the Aerotropolis development.</p>	<p>Action item 4: The Department to distribute a community newsletter with the minutes of this meeting.</p>

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		<p>The Department, while noting challenges and difficulties for federal agencies to weigh in on issues that are the responsibility of state planning jurisdictions, offered to facilitate conversations.</p> <p>Several members agreed that the stakeholder briefings had been well received, however they felt they needed a way to disseminate the information to their community members. The Chair advised the Department would look to develop a FoWSA newsletter, to be distributed with meeting minutes, to help members take information and messaging from FoWSA back to their communities.</p>	
6.	Update from Western Sydney Airport Company (WSA)	Ms Rachel McCormack from WSA provided members with an update on the progress of the airport's construction.	<p>Action item 5: WSA to share video presentation with FoWSA members.</p> <p>Action item 6: WSA to forward their newsletters to the FoWSA secretariat, who will forward this to members.</p>
6.	Next meeting and other business	FoWSA members noted that the next FoWSA meeting is expected to be held in February 2023, and it is anticipated this will be an open meeting.	
		The meeting was closed by the Chair at 11:45 am.	

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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.	Closed
2	Department to confirm the number of noise monitors that have been installed in the Blue Mountains region.	Closed
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.	Closed
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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Meeting 18, 2 December 2022

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1	Department to advise the Member for Macquarie of the First Nations Consultation.	Ongoing
2	WSP will advise Member for Macquarie if the SEIA assessment on childcare and health services within 15km of WSI includes any of these services that are provided from the blue mountains.	Ongoing
3	The Department will advise members what area the draft EIS is defining the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area as.	Ongoing
4	The Department to distribute a community newsletter with the minutes.	Ongoing
5	WSA to share video with FoWSA members.	Ongoing
6	WSA to forward newsletters to the FoWSA secretariat, who will forward this to members.	Ongoing

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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
Ms Joanne Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland
Mr Gregory Copeland – Resident of Camden
Ms Susan Templeman MP – Member for Macquarie
Mr Mark Andrews – Representative for Ms Susan Templeman MP, Member for Macquarie
Ms Nicki DiOlimpio - Representative for Senator the Hon Marise Payne
Mr Daniel Jarosch – CEO Sydney Metro Airports
Mr David Trevelyan – Basair
Ms Inga Davis – Western Parkland City Authority
Ms Tricia Hitchen – Penrith City Council
Ms Anna Guillan – Regional Development Australia
Ms Tracy Burgess – Blue Mountains City Council
Ms Tina Bono – Liverpool City Council
Mayor Matt Gould – Wollondilly Shire Council
Mr Steven Campbell - Regional Aviation Association of Australia
Mr Scott Mitchell – Virgin Australia
Ms Britt Becroft – Qantas
Ms Rachel McCormack - Western Sydney Airport Company
Ms Jessica Cortis - Western Sydney Airport Company
Ms Kelli Bennett-Smith – Representative of the Hon Angus Taylor MP, Member for Hume
Mr David Jansen – Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Ms Jennifer Stace – Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Mr Danny Namgyal – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Mr Amanda Koerber – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

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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

Mr Daniel Knott – Assistant Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

Guest Presenters

Ms Deborah Palmer – WSP Australia

Apologies

Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for New South Wales

Mr John Walton – Resident of Silverdale

Dr Mike Freelander MP – Member for Macarthur

Ms Melissa McIntosh – Member for Lindsay

Ms Anne Stanley MP – Member for Werriwa

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