

Forum on Western Sydney Airport

Record of Meeting 12

10:00am – 12:00pm, Thursday 15 October 2020

Online: via Zoom

Chair: Ms Lee de Winton

Item	Description	Key Discussion Points	Action Items
1.	Welcome from the Chair and confirmation of agenda	<p>The Chair, Ms Lee de Winton, welcomed members to the Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FOWSA).</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting by formally acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting was being conducted. The Chair acknowledged this was her first meeting in the role of Chair, and noted that she was grateful for the appointment by Minister Tudge. She provided an overview of her career to date, including her time with the Royal Australian Air Force and her previous role as CEO of Sydney Metro Airports (Bankstown and Camden).</p> <p>The Chair acknowledged apologies received (see Appendix B of this meeting record) and welcomed delegates representing FOWSA members who were unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p><u>Meeting 11 records and actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The FOWSA Secretariat prepared a record of Meeting 11, which was distributed to members on 7 August 2020.• There were <u>seven</u> Action Items arising from the last meeting:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ FOWSA Meeting 11, Item 1 (Secretariat to send thank you letter to Professor Peter Shergold AC for his service) Letter was sent on 3 September 2020.○ FOWSA Meeting 11, Item 2 (Ongoing action for Secretariat to collect suggestions from members for future FOWSA Meeting topics) Ongoing.	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FOWSA Meeting 11, Item 3 (Secretariat to send any additional questions from FOWSA members in relation to Mr Borger’s presentation at the last meeting) No questions received. ○ FOWSA Meeting 11, Item 4 (Secretariat to circulate evaluative research results to members) Circulated on 6 July 2020. ○ FOWSA Meeting 11, Item 5 (FOWSA Secretariat to invite universities to speak on their future plans in Western Sydney and the Aerotropolis) This Action Item is ongoing. ○ FOWSA Meeting 11, Item 6 (Secretariat to circulate presentations from June FOWSA meeting to members) Circulated on 6 July 2020. ○ FOWSA Meeting 11, Item 7 (Secretariat to raise matters related to membership and observers with the new Chair) Completed 31 August 2020. 	
2.	Departmental Update	<p>Ms Sarah Leeming, Assistant Secretary of the Regulatory, Environmental and Stakeholder Engagement Branch, provided an overview of recent departmental activities undertaken to progress the Western Sydney Airport project and related initiatives.</p> <p>Ms Leeming began by providing an overview of the recent budget announcements related to the Department, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional \$10 billion (on top of the already committed \$100 billion) over 10 years for the Government’s infrastructure projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Major program funding includes: \$2 billion fund for road safety, \$3.5 billion fund for water infrastructure, and an additional \$1 billion for local councils. ○ The Department is expected to support 100,000 direct and indirect jobs for projects currently under construction. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M12 motorway project continues to progress with \$1.4 billion allocated to the project. • \$120 million allocated for the Prospect Highway upgrade in Western Sydney. <p>Ms Jo Bromilow queried what the additional funding for councils included. Ms Leeming said she would take the question on notice and provide further information.</p> <p>Members were interested in further details of the water funding and if most of it was dedicated to the Murray Darling. Ms Leeming stated an additional \$2 billion had been allocated in the recent budget, therefore increasing the total funding for the program to \$3.5 billion for the 10 year rolling program of priority water investment. Ms Leeming noted that she would seek additional information about the allocation of funds.</p> <p>Members also sought further information on the status of the M12 project. Ms Leeming provided reassurance that the M12 project continues to be the largest component of the Department’s investment as part of the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan and continue to be in close contact with Transport NSW. Ms Leeming mentioned the scope of the project has always been a challenge, given that is a greenfield investment. The Secretariat will ask Transport NSW to speak to roads generally at a future FOWSA meeting. The Northern Road realignment is progressing well, and on time. The Chair mentioned that further discussion on this subject would be good for the next meeting.</p> <p>Ms Leeming also noted the announcement of the six new Sydney Metro stations in Western Sydney. Early construction is expected to begin in in 2020, and it was noted that the budget provided an additional \$1.75 billion to the project. Ms Leeming commented that it would be beneficial to have a representative of Transport NSW present at a future FOWSA meeting on matters related to the airport. Members agreed with this suggestion.</p> <p>Ms Leeming acknowledged the ongoing work on cultural aboriginal heritage. Murawin Consulting is currently leading stakeholder engagement on the Keeping Place. The purpose of the engagement is to seek the community’s views on how</p>	<p>Action Item 1: Department to provide mini update before next meeting, which will include additional information on the water budget funding, council funding and the Budget as a whole.</p> <p>Action Item 2: Secretariat will invite a representative of Transport NSW to present at a future FOWSA.</p>
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		<p>indigenous artefacts on the airport site should be retrieved and stored. The Department expects the final report to be delivered in 2021, and will be working closely with WSA Co to progress the outcomes of this report.</p> <p>Ms Leeming provided an update on biodiversity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% of obligations under the 2016 Airport Plan have been met; • Some of the offsets (eg. Wetlands) are hard to find and can be very expensive and are needed to meet obligations; • It is anticipated that all offsets in place by the end of the year or early next year. <p>A member asked whether Hawksbury City Council had made contact with the Department about potential offsets. Ms Leeming confirmed that Hawksbury Council had contacted the Department, and the Department had also received contact from Camden Council.</p> <p>Ms Leeming acknowledged that current COVID-19 restrictions have presented challenges for effectively engaging with industry, stakeholder and the community. The restrictions have also put in doubt the likelihood of an open FOWSA meeting. Ms Leeming noted that the FOWSA Secretariat will continue to liaise with the Chair to decide the best approach. She also advised that community pop ups are currently on hold, and the Department is investigating other options.</p>	
3.	Western Sydney Airport Update	<p>The Chair invited Mr Scott MacKillop, General Manager for Media and Government Relations at Western Sydney Airport, to provide a project update.</p> <p>Mr MacKillop provided members with an update on construction of the airport. He advised members that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction continues to progress on schedule and has not been impacted by COVID 19 restrictions. COVID safe protocols were established early in the year to prevent delays. • Early earthworks have been completed and the project has now progressed to the major earthworks phase. 	

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4.	Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan	<p>The Chair invited Mr Andrew Jackson, Executive Director at the Western Sydney Planning Partnership, to provide an update on the Aerotropolis plan.</p> <p>He began his presentation by outlining the various components of the Aerotropolis Planning Framework. This included the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Sydney Region Plan; • Western Sydney District Plan; • Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan; • Aerotropolis SEPP; • Precinct Plan; • Master Plan; and • Development Control Plan. <p>He noted that the land use planning package was released for community exhibition in December 2019 and concluded in March 2020. On 13 September 2020, the Planning Package was released including three main documents – Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan, State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020, and the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Development Control Plan 2020.</p> <p>The Aerotropolis SEPP came into effect on 1 October 2020, and the Planning Partnership is now transitioning into the Precinct Planning Phase. He noted</p>	

		<p>however, that the onset of COVID-19 has presented its own challenges. Feedback gained from a July 2020 inquiry into the precinct design conversation will help inform the work in the precinct plans. The precinct plans should be out for exhibition in the near future, to allow for further feedback from residents, developers and stakeholders.</p> <p>Mr Jackson then provided additional detail about the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan. He explained that the Plan is designed to set vision, objectives and principles along with a clear planning framework. The Plan also defines precincts, identifies initial precincts and planning outcomes. Subsequently, it also identifies land use zones for initial precincts.</p> <p>Mr Jackson also outlined key points of interest within the Aerotropolis Plan. They included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation of the Aerotropolis boundary;• Minor changes to Wianamatta-South Creek;• Identification of Metro stations;• Recognition of Luddenham Village;• Advanced water recycling site;• Refined alignment of East-West rail; and• Confirmation of initial precinct. <p>Mr Jackson noted that the road alignment will lock in the footprint of the mixed used areas. Two key sites that were identified for this work – the Luddenham area and the Sydney Science Park. He also mentioned that the only land identified for acquisition by the NSW Government is the Thompson Creek. It will be acquired in the next few years and be developed into an open, green space as part of the development.</p> <p>The Chair asked how much of the development planning is based on current needs, such as pre-commitments to developments already in place. Mr Jackson clarified that there are not a lot of pre-commitments, but there are a number of developers who already own land in the area. He noted there are 10 sites under single ownership with over 100 hectares, and in other areas there will need to be an amalgamation of areas to reach critical mass for development.</p>	
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5.	Other Business	<p>Ms Jo Bromilow raised the matter of future open FOWSA meetings for the public to attend, as had occurred over the last few years. The Chair confirmed that she was inclined to continue holding an annual open meeting as soon as it is feasible in the current COVID-19 environment. Ms Bromilow requested the Chair if she could please provide this in writing. The Chair agreed to this request.</p> <p>The Chair provided feedback she had received from her one-on-one meeting with FOWSA members. Feedback from the members included indications that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A majority of the community support the airport; • Flight paths and perceived noise is still a major issue and members; • Communication was an important understand what information will be available and would like to be able to assist in the dissemination of the information being released to the wider community. • Members would like an update on the M12, train lines, and the enabling infrastructure to support the airport on day one of opening and the coordination of freight entities, freight customers/developers. <p>The Chair was happy for any additional questions to be directed to her via the Secretariat.</p> <p>Ms Leeming advised that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Department has put a hold on the distribution of hardcopy newsletters to the approximately 45,000 residents in the Western Sydney area. She noted that the Department is looking to resume early next year. The noted that she would be interested in the online version of the newsletter, and would ask the Department to investigate potential options.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that meetings for 2021 would be arranged over the coming months, and thanked members for their flexibility with the COVID-19 Zoom meetings held throughout 2020.</p>	<p>Action item 4: Chair will provide Ms Bromilow with letter confirming her intention to continue holding annual open FOWSA meetings, when feasible.</p> <p>Action item 5: FOWSA Secretariat to request speaker from NSW Government to brief FOWSA members on freight strategy and the M9 corridor at future meeting.</p> <p>Action item 7: The Department will consider online newsletter options in lieu of mailed newsletters during COVID-19, and discuss options at next FOWSA meeting.</p>
		The meeting was closed by the Chair at 11.50am.	

Status of Outstanding Action Items

Meeting 1, 26 May 2017

Action Item Number	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 Number	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 Number	Action Item	Status
1	Secretariat to arrange for next meeting to be held at WSA's Visitor Experience Centre.	Ongoing
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 Number	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

Attendees

Ms Lee de Winton (Chair)

Ms Sarah Leeming – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Mr Wayne Wilmington – Resident of Luddenham

Mr Gregory Copeland – Resident of Camden

Ms Joanne Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland

Mr Jacob Idiculas – Resident of Bossley Park

Cr Ross Fowler OAM – Mayor, Penrith City Council

Ms Lindy Deitz – General Manager, Campbelltown City Council

Mr Jim Davis – Regional Aviation Association of Australia

Mr Will Spence – Office of Senator the Hon Marise Payne

Mr Gordon Henwood – Resident of Mulgoa

Ms Melissa McIntosh MP – Federal Member for Lindsay

Mr Bob Germaine – Regional Development Australia Sydney

Ms Tracey Burgess – Representative of

Paul Rasmussen

Mr Tim Poole

Mr Mustafa Agha

Mr John Walton – Resident of Silverdale

Dr Mike Freeland – Federal Member for Macarthur

Ex Officio Members

Katie Hannouch – Western Sydney Airport

Scott MacKillop – Western Sydney Airport

Apologies

Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for New South Wales

Mr David Borger – Western Sydney Director, Sydney Business Chamber

Ms Rosemary Dillon – General Manager, Blue Mountains City Council

Ms Britt Becroft – QANTAS Representative

Mr Nathan Hagarty – Virgin Australia Representative