

Forum on Western Sydney Airport

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10:00am – 12:15pm, Friday 18 March 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 meeting. The Chair advised that this would be the first of three meetings for 2022, with the third meeting expected to be an open meeting.• 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○ Ms Joanne Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland○ Mr David Borger – Business Western Sydney○ Mr Peter Diplas, Liverpool City Council○ Mr Scott MacKillop – Western Sydney Airport Co○ Ms Katy Hannouch – Western Sydney Airport Co• Welcomed new members appointed to FoWSA since the previous meeting, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cr Tricia Hitchen, Mayor of Penrith	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cr Eddie Dogramaci, Hawkesbury City Council ○ Mr Peter Diplas, Liverpool City Council ○ Ms Britt Becroft, Qantas Airways Limited ○ Mr Scott Mitchell, Virgin Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Noted Mr Anthony Pizzolato attended on behalf of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, with a decision on an ongoing NSW Government representative to be made before the next meeting. ● Acknowledged the outgoing members and thanked them for their participation in FoWSA. <p>The Chair referred to previous action items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There were six outstanding action items from previous meetings, two of which were addressed during this meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FoWSA Meeting 11, Item 5 – FoWSA Secretariat to invite universities to speak on their future plans in Western Sydney and the Aerotropolis. Addressed at agenda item 3. ○ FoWSA Meeting 10, Item 3 – Secretariat to arrange for Ms Concha, Sustainability Manager, WSA Co, to speak at a future meeting. Addressed as part of agenda item 4. ● Proposed to close Meeting 7, Action Item 5 from Secretariat to arrange a presentation to FoWSA in 2020 on the Futures Food Systems Cooperative Research Centre. There were no objections. ● Other outstanding action items are primarily ongoing administrative practices. Details are at Appendix A. <p>The Chair confirmed the agenda for the meeting.</p>	

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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 provided an update on airspace design and moving into the environmental assessment phase, for which the Department has appointed WSP Australia. Minister Fletcher announced in December that the preliminary airspace design and draft Environmental Impact Statement will be released for public comment by mid-2023. Feedback from this process informs the detailed design.</p> <p>The Department will continue to update FoWSA on this important work and will look to have WSP present the Engagement Plan at a FoWSA meeting later this year.</p> <p>The Department is currently following internal processes to enable it to pursue the remaining biodiversity offset obligations under the Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan.</p> <p>The Department noted the Government's "Aviation Recovery Framework" which is available at: https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/aviation-recovery-framework-final-21-12-17.pdf</p>	<p>Action Item 1: The Department to arrange a presentation on the Engagement Plan for the airspace design EIS.</p>
3.	Aerotropolis Multiversity Presentation	<p>Ms Natalie Downing (Director of Operations, NUW Alliance) presented on the Aerotropolis Multiversity's educational and research programs, on behalf of the NUW Alliance.</p> <p>The NUW Alliance is a consortium of four universities; the University of Newcastle, University of New South Wales, University of Wollongong Australia, and Western Sydney University. The multiversity covers all parts</p>	

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		<p>of New South Wales, and the consortium offers advantages of scale. The NUW Alliance’s focus is to help support the Aerotropolis.</p> <p>In 2021, the NUW Alliance set up the Multiversity’s initial courses, partly in response to COVID-19. There are nine short courses in STEM available through the Multiversity to upskill workers in Western Sydney with a focus on Undergraduate Certificates.</p> <p>The NUW Alliance has a long-term focus on upskilling the Western Sydney population through their “Engineering Plus” program, which is designed to help upskill people who don’t traditionally take up engineering. They will be working with TAFE to address prerequisite knowledge, and the program will be highly integrated with industry.</p> <p>The NUW Alliance and University of Technology Sydney released their Research Vision for the Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility (AMRF) last year. The AMRF will be delivered by the Western Parklands City Authority as part of the Aerotropolis precinct, and will be housed in the first building in the Bradfield City Centre.</p>	
4.	Western Sydney Airport Update	<p>Mr Tim Nairne (Senior External Affairs Adviser, Western Sydney Airport Company) presented an update on construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Tier 1 contract packages have now been awarded, with landside and tech packages being the most recent. • The WSA Connectivity Centre officially opened in Penrith on 18 March 2022. The Connectivity Centre is an initiative by Multiplex to connect the local community with job opportunities related to the WSA project. • WSA Co launched its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) on 18 March 2022. WSA Co undertook to provide further details on the RAP at the next FoWSA meeting. 	<p>Action Item 2: WSA Co to provide details on its RAP at the next FoWSA meeting.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of the bulk earthworks have been completed and now the focus is shifting to terminal. Runway sealing has also commenced. • The technology package is aimed at creating one of the most advanced airports in the world. Noting the fast pace of technology change, there will be a focus on high level infrastructure today, to support the latest technology closer to the airport opening. • Looking forward into 2022, the bulk earthworks will wind down, the basement slab on grade, the M12 West Package awarded, start of terminal steel framing, construction on pavement begins, and Sydney Metro commencing on site. <p>Ms Simone Concha (Executive Manager Sustainability, Western Sydney Airport Company) presented on WSA Co's sustainability commitments.</p> <p>The presentation went through the timeline of WSA's sustainability policy and sustainability plan. Ms Concha also noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing resource usage is the best starting point for sustainability, and offers the best value for money. • Climate change risk assessments are being incorporated into planning for the future. • Procurement is a key aspect of sustainability and incorporating sustainability clauses into contracts. • Strategy for sustainability in relation to airport operations is currently being developed. <p>Ms Concha said there is a focus on energy efficiency, with the support of renewables and offsets to support net zero and carbon neutrality. Additionally, she noted current initiatives such as the use of a hybrid (solar/diesel) generator on site, sourcing of fill material from tunnelling projects elsewhere in Sydney, and passive design principles being incorporated into the terminal design.</p>	

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		<p>In response to a question from Ms Britt Becroft, Ms Concha confirmed that WSA Co is interested in supporting sustainable aviation fuel initiatives, and will work with airlines on the right solution.</p> <p>Cr Eddie Dogramaci asked what precautions were being taken in relation to impacts on residents and agriculture from aircraft noise and fuel residue. WSA Co noted that the aviation industry is moving towards net zero commitments. Newer aircraft technology has reduced fuel consumption and noise profiles, and progress will continue to be made. Mr Jansen noted that the Department is obliged to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in relation to the flight paths, which will outline a range of impacts including noise, air pollution, wildlife, and heritage.</p>	
5.	Luddenham Village Discussion Paper	<p>Mr Wayne Willmington (Resident of Luddenham) read a statement on the Luddenham Village Discussion Paper.</p> <p>Mr Willmington stated that 95 per cent of submissions on the discussion paper supported options for new housing development outside the ANEC 20 contours. However, WSA Co made a submission opposing any intensification of residential development in Luddenham. The release of the final Aerotropolis plans has been delayed, and may not include plans for Luddenham.</p> <p>Mr Willmington noted that residents are running a campaign to ensure Luddenham Village survives and thrives, and called on FoWSA for support.</p> <p>The Chair acknowledged Mr Willmington's statement while noting that FoWSA is not a voting or decision-making body. Mr Anthony Pizzolato (NSW DPE) noted that four scenarios were put out in the discussion paper, and feedback would be taken into account as the planning package is settled. Mr Tim Nairne (WSA Co) noted Mr Willmington's concerns and said it was an ongoing conversation.</p>	

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6.	Next Meetings and Other Business	<p>The next FoWSA meeting is expected to be held on either 28 July or 25 August 2022, subject to availability. The third meeting for the year is then planned for either 11 November or 9 December 2022. The Secretariat will advise members of confirmed meeting dates in the coming months.</p> <p>FoWSA members are encouraged to contact the FoWSA secretariat with any queries or concerns.</p> <p>The Chair requested the Department provide a further airspace update at the next meeting, particularly noting the number of newly appointed FoWSA members.</p> <p>Mr Gregory Copeland requested an update on transport connections to the airport, particularly from the south east.</p>	<p>Action item 3: Department to provide airspace update at next meeting</p> <p>Action item 4: FoWSA Secretariat to arrange a presentation on transport connections to WSA at a future meeting</p>
		The meeting was closed by the Chair at 12:15 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	Closed (by agreement)
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	Closed (completed)

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	Closed (completed)

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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
Mr Steve Campbell – CEO, Regional Aviation Association of Australia
Cr Eddie Dogramaci – Hawkesbury City Council
Mr Peter Diplas – Liverpool City Council
Ms Britt Becroft - Qantas
Ms Tracy Burgess – Proxy for Dr Rosemary Dillon, Blue Mountains City Council
Ms Natasha Borgia – Proxy for Cr Tricia Hitchen, Mayor, Penrith City Council
Mr Scott Mitchell – Virgin Australia
Mr Anthony Pizzolato – NSW Department of Planning and the Environment
Ms Diane Brown – Deputy Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Mr Richard Wood – First Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Mr David Jansen – Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Mr James Savage – A/g Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Mr Danny Namgyal – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Mr Scott Small – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Ms Ellen West – Assistant Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Ms Angela Ovari – Team Member, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Ms Olivia Dodds – WSP Australia

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Guest Presenters

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Mr Tim Nairne – Western Sydney Airport Co.
Ms Simone Concha – Western Sydney Airport Co.

Apologies

Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for New South Wales.
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