

Forum on Western Sydney Airport

Record of Meeting 14 10:00am – 12:00pm, Friday 20 August 2021 Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams 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 Western Sydney Airport is being constructed.• Welcomed members to the meeting. The Chair advised that there would be at least one further meeting this calendar year, preferably in person if COVID restrictions allow.• Noted the apologies to the meeting and welcomed the alternative representatives. 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○ Dr Rosemary Dillon, General Manager Blue Mountains City Council○ Mr David Borger, Director Western Sydney Business Chamber○ Cr Ross Fowler OAM – Penrith City Council○ Mr Paul Rasmussen, Hawkesbury City Council• Confirmed the agenda for the meeting. <p>The Chair referred to previous action items. There were three Action Items arising from Meeting 13 and six outstanding action items from previous meetings.</p>	

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		<p>FOWSA Meeting 13, Item 1 - Department to provide an update on its approach to community engagement at the next FoWSA meeting.</p> <p>This was addressed in the Departmental Update at Agenda Item 2, and this item will be closed.</p> <p>FOWSA Meeting 13, Item 2 - Department will arrange a FoWSA presentation on the flight path design process this calendar year.</p> <p>This was addressed in the Flight Path Update at Agenda Item 3, with further briefings to be provided at future FoWSA meetings. The item is ongoing.</p> <p>FOWSA Meeting 13, Item 3 –Department will prepare a fact sheet on the progress of flight path design that can be disseminated in the community.</p> <p>The fact sheet was circulated to FoWSA members following Meeting 13, and is published on the Department’s website at https://www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au/media-resources/resources/factsheets. This item will be closed.</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 presentation included an update on the Department’s community engagement strategy, upcoming variation to the Airport Plan relating to rail construction, ongoing government support for the aviation industry, and an update on flight path design.</p>	

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		<p>The Department advised that it is currently developing a Community Engagement and Communications Strategy in relation to the airspace design process. The strategy will consider lessons learned from similar processes, identify the best communications channels to reach affected communities</p> <p>A draft strategy is expected to be ready by the end of August, and the Department will share further information at the next FoWSA meeting.</p> <p>The Department noted that a number of Government programs to support the aviation industry were recently extended.</p> <p>The Department also noted that an amendment to the Airport Plan would be forthcoming to take account of the recently approved Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport line.</p>	
3.	Flight path update	<p>The Department presented an update on the flight path design process.</p> <p>The Department noted that the preliminary design is being developed in line with Condition 16 of the Airport Plan. Key principles include avoiding residential overflight as far as possible, considering impacts on the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, and avoiding changes to Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport. Airspace in the Sydney Basin is complex. The runway alignment was chosen based on meteorological suitability, and to reduce conflicts with existing airports in the basin.</p> <p>In response to a query from Ms Anne Stanley MP, the Department advised that sufficient time has been allowed for detailed design work to take place after the EIS public consultation, and take community input into account.</p>	

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		<p>The Department outlined the social impact analysis process, which is a key input to the design. Mapping of noise sensitive sites such as residences, schools, health and aged care facilities, including expected future developments, is regularly updated and taken into account. Night time flight paths will be designed to further minimise residential overflight.</p> <p>Ms Bromilow commented that it would be vital to educate Blue Mountains residents.</p> <p>Dr Mike Freeland MP asked whether development in Macarthur had been considered, including proposed university and school developments. The Department advised that every LGA in Sydney has been considered, and the Department is working with the NSW Government to get as much information as possible on future planning proposals.</p> <p>Mr Idiculas asked whether flight paths would be affected by bushfires. The Department advised that smoke would slow down operations, although this is also the case for fog, which is a more frequent issue. Firefighting and other emergency aircraft always have priority access to airspace.</p> <p>In response to a query from Ms Bromilow, the Department advised that RAAF Base Glenbrook would not be affected by the WSA flight paths, as there is no restricted airspace at Glenbrook.</p>	
4.	Western Sydney Airport Update	The Chair invited Mr Scott MacKillop, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer and Ms Katy Hannouch, General Manager, Community Engagement and Partnerships from WSA Co, to provide an update on recent progress.	Action item 1: WSA Co to invite FOWSA members to a webinar on the terminal design.

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		<p>Ms Hannouch advised that major earthworks are continuing and the Terminal design is at 97%. Workforce targets for local employments, skill training of workers and diversity are being met.</p> <p>Ms Hannouch shared an animated flythrough of the terminal design.</p> <p>The WSA Experience Centre has been temporarily closed due to COVID restrictions, but 16,000 people have visited since opening in September 2019.</p> <p>Terminal construction will commence towards the end of 2021. Contracts are expected to be awarded for runway and taxiway construction, and a technology package in the next 3-6 months. A webinar and community newsletter are scheduled for September/October.</p>	
5.	Sydney Metro Update	<p>Ms Angela Jeffrey from Sydney Metro, provided an update on the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport project.</p> <p>Sydney Metro –Western Sydney Airport was granted planning approval in July 2021, following exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement in late 2020.</p> <p>The project will deliver six stations across the alignment – St Marys (interchange with T1 Line), Orchard Hills, Luddenham, Airport Business Park, Airport Terminal and Aerotropolis/Bradfield.</p> <p>Main construction is due to start later in 2021. Tunnelling contracts are expected to be awarded in December 2021, and tunnel boring machines will commence on site in 2023.</p>	

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		<p>FOWSA members noted concern about a lack of public transport connectivity to the airport from other parts of Western Sydney, including Camden and Macarthur.</p>	
6.	Other Business	<p>The Chair sought feedback on the process for publishing FOWSA meeting outcomes through a Record of Meeting. No objections were raised on the current process.</p> <p>The next meeting will be arranged by the FoWSA Secretariat before the end of 2021. FoWSA members are welcome to contact the FoWSA secretariat with any queries or concerns.</p> <p>In response to a member query on construction taking place during lockdown, Mr Mackillop confirmed that construction had halted when required, but has resumed in line with NSW Health orders. The nature of work being undertaken is compatible with social distancing requirements.</p>	
		The meeting was closed by the Chair at 11:55 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
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

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Appendix B

Attendees

Ms Lee de Winton – Chair of FoWSA
Ms Joanne Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland
Mr Gordon Henwood – Resident of Mulgoa
Mr Jacob Idiculas – Resident of Bossley Park
Mr John Walton – Resident of Silverdale
Mr Wayne Wilmington – Resident of Luddenham
Mr Gregory Copeland – Resident of Camden
Dr Mike Freelander MP, Member for Macarthur, New South Wales
Ms Anne Stanley MP –Member for Werriwa
Mr Josh Edwards – Office of Ms Melissa McIntosh MP, Federal Member for Lindsay
Ms Lindy Deitz - General Manager Campbelltown City Council
Ms Tracey Burgess – for Dr Rosemary Dillon, Blue Mountains City Council
Mr Eddie Jackson – CEO Liverpool City Council
Mr Daniel Jarosch – CEO Sydney Metro Airports
Mr Steve Campbell – CEO Regional Aviation Association of Australia
Mr Mustafa Agha – for Mr David Borger, Western Sydney Director, Sydney Business Chamber
Ms Anna Guillan – Chair, Regional Development Australia, Sydney
Mr Ben Rayner – Virgin Australia
Ms Megan Morris – Qantas
Mr Tim Poole – Chief Operating Officer, Western Parkland City Authority
Mr David Jansen – Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Mr Adam Stankevicius – 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

Ex Officio Members

Katy Hannouch – Western Sydney Airport Co.
Scott MacKillop – Western Sydney Airport Co.

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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 Angela Jeffrey – Sydney Metro

Apologies

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

Ms Melissa McIntosh MP, Federal Member for Lindsay

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