

Forum on Western Sydney Airport

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10:00am –1:30pm, Friday 2 August 2024

Western Sydney Conference Centre

83 Mulgoa Rd, Penrith NSW 2750

Facilitator: Mr Richard Wood (standing in for this meeting as the Chair, Lee de Winton, is overseas)

Item	Description	Key Discussion Points	Action Items
1.	Welcome from Facilitator, confirmation of the agenda and opening remarks	<p>The Facilitator, Mr Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the department):</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 everyone to the 24th Forum on Western Sydney Airport, the second meeting of 2024.• Noted the Chair, Lee de Winton, was overseas, and as a result he is stepping in to facilitate this meeting. Ms de Winton listened in on the meeting online.• Noted the changes in FoWSA representation:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community Member for Silverdale, Mr John Walton, has passed away;- The Hon John Ajaka, former CEO of Liverpool City Council, will no longer represent Liverpool City Council on FoWSA. The member representing Liverpool City Council will be settled following the meeting;- Mr Andrew Glenis has left his role at the Bradfield Development Authority, formerly the Western Parkland City Authority. Ms Gina Metcalfe from Bradfield City Authority will be the new representative going forward;- Mr Scott MacKillop, ex officio member from WSA Co has moved on from his role and will be replaced by Ms Catherine Payne;- Mr Daniel Jarosch will be leaving his role with Aeria Management, and today's meeting will be his last FoWSA meeting.• Noted the apologies to the meeting (refer to Appendix B for attendees).	

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2.	Action Items	<p>Mr Wood noted that the three action items from the last meeting and provided an update on each one (see Appendix A).</p> <p>Mr Wood also noted that there remain two open action items from Meeting 20 for FoWSA to receive briefings from Transport for NSW and the Western Parkland City Authority (now the Bradfield City Authority) on infrastructure activity in Western Sydney at a future meeting in 2025 (see Appendix A). <i>[Note post-meeting: Bradfield City Authority has advised that this briefing will be able to be provided by Infrastructure NSW]</i></p> <p>Ms Kate Stares, representative of Campbelltown City Council, raised an item for other business to discuss the consultation for metro buses in Western Sydney.</p>	
3.	Update on the flight path design	<p>Presentation on the update to flight path design</p> <p>Mr Matt Shepherd, To70, briefed FoWSA on the two flight path proposals for night time that the department is commencing consultation on. The proposals were developed in response to submissions on the draft Environmental Impact Statement. This presentation is the start of the department’s consultation on the proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposals relate to the night time Reciprocal Runway Operations mode: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revised flight paths for jets travelling east from WSI; and 2. A new noise abatement procedure. <p>Mr Matt Gould, Mayor of Wollondilly, noted that it seems like Wollondilly, particularly Werombi and Silverdale, will be impacted by the proposals. Mayor Gould also noted the community of Wollondilly is very concerned with the Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition Policy and believe there are areas that should have been eligible but were not included under the draft policy. Mayor Gould asked if there has been any change to the policy’s eligibility criteria with the two proposals presented today?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr David Jansen, officer from the department, advised that the department has examined the draft policy, including the eligibility criteria, and the final policy will be released later this year. 	

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		<p>Mrs Melissa McIntosh, Member for Lindsay, queried if the airspace design team had considered adjusting flight paths that traverse Penrith during the night time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shepherd advised the primary focus has been to reduce night time noise impact to communities. The flight path design team considered changes that suggested moving the night time flight paths over Penrith, but every option they considered overflew locations that had a greater number of residents. As such, the flight path design team could not propose any changes to these flight paths that would have a net benefit to the community. <p>Mrs McIntosh then queried if the airspace design team had considered moving any arrivals, as the proposed changes were just to departing aircraft.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shepherd advised the flight path design team did consider this, in particular rather than bringing in arriving aircraft from the north having them arrive in from the west. However, this presented an overall safety issue. It would also likely increase the use of runway 23 or 05 during night time operations and this would increase the number of low-level aircraft that would overfly Penrith during this period. <p>Mr Nick Ryan, representative from Business Western Sydney, stated the proposals seem to benefit the Hawkesbury area, but disadvantage the Macarthur area. He queried if the flight path design team had factored in future population growth when considering the flight paths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shepherd advised that future population data was taken into consideration when designing the flight paths. <p>Mr Gordon Henwood, Resident from Mulgoa, queried whether the airspace design team had considered submissions received from Silverdale requesting a 10 degree or 20 degree turn, after take-off.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shepherd advised this was considered by the airspace design team and if the design for the flight paths was to make that 10 to 20 degree turn it would place the departing aircraft over new communities further south of the airport 	

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		<p>as they would be required to fly around arriving aircraft. It would also increase the complexity for Air Traffic Controllers and this would reduce the safety of the design.</p> <p>Mr Todd Carney, Mayor of Penrith, queried how the proposals presented today would integrate with the second runway, once built.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shepherd advised that a second runway in the future would likely require a full redesign of the flight paths. <p>Ms Susan Templeman, Member for Macquarie, queried why the Runway Reciprocal Operations mode cannot operate 100% of the time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shepherd reiterated the criteria to allow this mode of operation (weather and aircraft separation), with historical weather data indicating it could likely be used nearly 80% of the time overnight. 	<p>ACTION ITEM 1: Department to send direct links of the proposal material published online to FoWSA members</p>
4.	<p>Consultation plan to support the proposals</p>	<p>Presentation on the consultation to support the proposals to the flight path design</p> <p>Ms Deborah Palmer, WSP Australia, presented to the group the consultation plan to support the flight path proposals.</p> <p>Dr Mike Freeland, Member for Macarthur, queried why a community information and feedback session was scheduled in Cobbitty and not in-between Oran Park and Catherine Field which have a bigger population.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Palmer explained that consultation and engagement activities is prioritising those communities most impacted, which is why Cobbitty has been selected for these proposals. <p>Ms Templeman queried if those who provide feedback on the proposals via email will receive an acknowledgement of their feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Palmer confirmed an email confirmation will be sent out in response to feedback received. 	

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		<p>Mayor Gould raised the point that all the Local Councils will soon go into caretaker due to upcoming Local Council elections.</p> <p>Mayor Gould also raised that there is no session in Wollondilly Shire Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Palmer explained the team had attempted to book the Warragamba Town Hall however there was no availability for the dates required. Mayor Gould offered to facilitate availability for the department, if the department would consider holding additional consultation in Wollondilly Shire Council. The department took on notice this as an action item. 	<p>ACTION ITEM 2: Department to consider additional community information and feedback session at Warragamba Town Hall.</p>
5.	Outcomes of the Environmental Assessment	<p>Presentation on the outcomes of the environmental assessment for the proposals</p> <p>Ms Louise MacDonald, WSP Australia, briefed the group on the outcomes of the environmental assessment impacts of the two proposals.</p> <p>In relation to the previous presentation by Ms Palmer on consultation activities, Mr Henwood enquired if the suburb of Mulgoa was included in the letterbox drop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Palmer advised Mulgoa is not included and took an action item to have Mulgoa added to the letterbox drop. <p>Mayor Gould enquired when the information on the flight path proposals would be made publicly available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Wood informed him the material is now available on the department's website WSIflightpaths.gov.au. 	<p>ACTION ITEM 3: Department to include Mulgoa in the letterbox drop</p>
6.	EIS next steps	<p>Presentation on the next steps for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the preliminary flight paths</p> <p>Mr David Jansen, officer from the department, provided the group with a briefing on what the next steps would be for the EIS, detailing the requirements and process under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999</i> (Cth).</p> <p>Mr Daniel Jarosch enquired about how the department plans to respond to the submissions received during the public exhibition of the draft EIS.</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jansen explained the public submissions report is being developed and seeks to respond to the submissions. The report is expected to be extensive, and will provide detailed responses to issues raised. The public submissions report will be released with the final EIS. <p>Ms Templeman enquired about the earlier presentation on the proposals by Mr Shepherd, and whether the flight path design team know if RAAF Richmond are expecting any airspace changes when WSI opens?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shepherd advised that the team has been consulting the Department of Defence as part of the development of the flight paths. RAAF Richmond is a strategic air force base, and their airspace is required by Defence for its operations. Nonetheless Defence have given WSI access to some upper levels of the airspace for the flight paths and this has been incorporated into the design. 	
7.	Update from the Air Navigation Service Provider	<p>Presentation on the Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting service for WSI</p> <p>Mr David Wells, Airservices Australia, presented on the aviation and firefighting station being built at WSI.</p> <p>Mr Woods thanked Mr Wells for the presentation and commented on the importance of safety in Australia’s aviation model.</p> <p>Mr Wells advised the members that Airservices Australia is working with WSA Co in regards to recruitment for the new fire station, and the plan is to recruit staff from the Western Sydney area.</p> <p>Mr Shepherd asked if the location of the fire station would change when the airport opens the second runway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Wells explained the current fire station is designed to service the airport for the next 30 years. Traditionally with parallel runways another fire station would be built on the other side of the second runway. 	

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8.	Update from the airport operator	<p>Presentation from the airport operator</p> <p>Ms Katy Hannouch, WSA Co, provided members with an update on the airport build and engagement activities that have taken place in local communities since the last FoWSA meeting in March 2024.</p> <p>Dr Freelandier queried the transport links to the airport and wanted to understand WSA Co’s position on a recent scoping study into southern links to the airport. Ms Hannouch advised WSA Co would like to see more connectivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Catherine Payne, WSA Co, advised WSA Co has put forward its view in submissions, for example to the NSW Parliament Inquiry into Current and Future Public Transport Needs in Western Sydney. Dr Freelandier requested a copy of WSA Co’s submission. <p>Mr Jacob Idiculas, Resident of Bossley Park, enquired if the airport would be ready for the COP26.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Hannouch advised that WSA Co is on track to open the airport by late 2026. • Mr Wood noted that the COP26 location had not yet been selected. 	<p>ACTION ITEM 4: WSA Co to advise on whether or not they are able to provide their submission.</p>
9.	Other business	<p>Consultation on bus services</p> <p>Ms Kate Stares, representative of Campbelltown City Council, brought to the attention of members that Transport for NSW are undertaking consultation on new bus services in Western Sydney. This was previously referred to as the rapid bus transport system. The Secretariat undertook to share details of the consultation with members following the meeting. Mr Wayne Willmington, Resident of Luddenham, advised the future planned bus service has no plans west of the airport.</p> <p>Luddenham initiatives</p> <p>Mr Willmington raised the ‘Save Luddenham’ submission that he had shared with the members in an email prior to the meeting. Mr Willmington raised concerns that planning of Luddenham Village is a ‘black hole’.</p> <p>Mr Wood noted two recent funding program announcements from the Australian Government which may be of interest, as they would enable local communities to seek</p>	<p>ACTION ITEMS 5: Secretariat to circulate link to members on the Transport NSW consultation on new bus services following the meeting.</p>

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		<p>funding for planning and delivery of initiatives. These are the Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program and the Thriving Suburbs Program. Mr Jackson Newell, representative for Melissa McIntosh, queried if the grants would apply to federal land. Mr Wood advised it would be best practice to check the guidelines. Mr Wood took an action item for the Secretariat to share these initiatives with members.</p> <p>Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan Implementation Report 2022/2023</p> <p>Mr Wood noted that some community members had raised concern that they could not find implementation reports on the department’s website regarding the Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan (BODP) for the airport. Mr Wood noted the 2022/2023 implementation report has been published online and the department would seek to make the information easier to locate on the website www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au. The Secretariat would also circulate the link to the 2022/2023 implementation report with members.</p> <p>Bankstown Airport – Southeast VFR Corridor consultation</p> <p>Mr Wood noted the current proposal from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), with engagement being supported by Airservices Australia, to reclassify a portion of airspace southeast of Bankstown Airport.</p> <p>FoWSA membership</p> <p>Mayor Gould raised FoWSA Member John Walton’s passing and queried if there is a plan to replace his membership. Mr Wood advised that, as per the FoWSA Terms of Reference (TOR), this is a decision for the Chair and the Infrastructure Minister. Mr Wood further advised that at a future meeting of FoWSA it would be prudent to discuss the place of FoWSA, as the TOR state FoWSA will operate until the end of the detailed design stage of the airspace design process.</p> <p>Senate inquiry on the impact and mitigation of aircraft noise</p> <p>Mr Jarosch informed members of the Senate inquiry on the impact and mitigation of aircraft noise is ongoing. Mr Wood thanked Mr Jarosch for raising this and noted that WSA</p>	<p>ACTION ITEM 6: Secretariat to share details on the infrastructure programs with members</p> <p>ACTION ITEM 7: Secretariat to circulate the link for the Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan Implementation Report 2022/2023 to members</p>

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		<p>Co would appear at the hearing in Penrith on 9 August and the department and Airservices Australia would appear at the hearing in Canberra in September.</p> <p>Noise Abatement Procedures</p> <p>Mr Henwood queried when FoWSA would have a briefing on Noise Abatement Procedures for the airport.</p> <p>Mr Jansen explained a proposed mitigation measure in the draft EIS is that the Noise Abatement Procedures for the airport will be developed as part of the detailed design phase. Detailed design is expected to begin once the EIS is finalised. Mr Shepherd also stated submissions received on this matter would be used to inform the development of the Noise Abatement Procedures.</p>	
		<p>The meeting was closed by the Chair at 12.50 pm.</p>	

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Status of Outstanding and Ongoing Action Items

Appendix A

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 20, 27 June 2023

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
1.	FoWSA Secretariat to provide members with weekly update on planned community engagement activities.	Ongoing
2.	The Department to ensure the release of the preliminary flight paths can be found on its website at www.infrastructure.gov.au	Ongoing

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3.	FoWSA to receive an update from Transport for NSW next year on the transport projects to support the opening of WSI.	Open. To be provided at future meeting in 2025.
4.	FoWSA to receive briefing from Infrastructure NSW's on infrastructure activity in Western Sydney at future meeting.	Open. To be provided at future meeting in 2025.

Meeting 23, 14 March 2024

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
1.	Department to provide a breakdown of the number of submissions received by postcode data.	Closed.
2.	Presentation on the updated market research at a later FoWSA.	Open. To be provided at future meeting in 2025.
3.	Airservices to present on the aviation and firefighting station being built at WSI.	Closed.

Meeting 24, 2 August 2024

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
1.	Department to send direct links of the proposal material published online to FoWSA members.	Closed. Secretariat sent email to members on 2 August 2024.
2.	Department to consider additional community information and feedback session at Warragamba Town Hall.	Closed. Session held at Warragamba Town Hall on 21 August 2024.
3.	Department to include Mulgoa in the letterbox drop.	Closed. Department has included Mulgoa in the letterbox drop for the WSI flight path proposals.
4.	WSA Co to advise on whether or not they are able to provide their submission	Open.

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5.	Secretariat to circulate link to members on the Transport NSW consultation on new bus services following the meeting.	Closed. Secretariat sent email to members on 2 August 2024.
6.	Secretariat to share details on Australian Government infrastructure programs with members	Closed. Secretariat sent email to members on 2 August 2024.
7.	Secretariat to circulate the link for the Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan Implementation Report 2022/2023 to members	Closed. Secretariat sent email to members on 2 August 2024.

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Appendix B

Attendees

Ms Lee de Winton – Chair

Mr Jacob Idiculas – Resident of Bossley Park

Mr Gordon Henwood – Resident of Mulgoa

Mr Wayne Willmington – Resident of Luddenham

Ms Susan Templeman MP – Federal Member for Macquarie

Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP – Federal Member for Lindsay

Mr Jackson Newell – Representative for Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP

Ms Kelli Bennett-Smith – Office of the Federal Member for Hume

Dr Mike Freelander MP – Federal Member for Macarthur

Cr Paul Veigel – Hawkesbury City Council

Ms Kate Stares – Campbelltown City Council

Mr Rob Walker – Regional Aviation Association Australia

Mr Scott Mitchell – Virgin Australia

Mr Daniel Jarosch – Aeria Management Group

Cr Todd Carney – Mayor, Penrith City Council

Ms Kate Stares – Representative of Campbelltown City Council

Cr Matt Gould – Mayor, Wollondilly Shire Council

Ms Gina Metcalfe – Bradfield Development Authority

Mr Chris Kwong – Qantas Group

Mr Nick Ryan – Business Western Sydney

Ms Katy Hannouch – WSA Co

Ms Catherine Payne – WSA Co

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Ms Annette Dittmar – Airservices Australia

Mr Richard Wood – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

Mr David Jansen – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

Ms Lulu Ou – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

Ms Anna Rynne – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

Mr Ty Sheers – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

Guest Presenters:

Mr Matt Shepherd – To70

Ms Deborah Palmer – WSP Australia

Ms Louise MacDonald – WSP Australia

Mr David Wells – Airservices Australia

Apologies

Mr Greg Copeland – Resident of Camden

Ms Jo Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland

Ms Anna Guillan – Chair of Regional Development Australia

Mr David Trevelyan – Basair

Mr David Borger – Business Western Sydney

The Hon Angus Taylor MP – Federal Member for Hume

Ms Anne Stanley MP – Federal Member for Werriwa

Dr Rosemary Dillon – CEO, Blue Mountains City Council

Ms Lindy Deitz – General Manager, Campbelltown City Council