

## Forum on Western Sydney Airport

### Forum on Western Sydney Airport - Record of Meeting 26

11:30am –1:00pm, Friday 21 February 2025

Multiplex – Western Sydney International Terminal, 100 Anton Rd, Luddenham NSW 2745

Chair: Ms Lee de Winton

Item	Description	Key Discussion Points	Action Items
1.	Update from Chair, and action items	<p>The Chair, Ms Lee de Winton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opened the meeting by formally acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held.</li> <li>• Welcomed everyone to the 26th Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FoWSA), the first FoWSA meeting for 2025.</li> <li>• Thanked WSA Co for facilitating a tour of the airport and noted progress as the terminal nears completion.</li> <li>• Noted the apologies to the meeting (refer to <b>Appendix B</b> for attendees)</li> <li>• Noted that there were 6 outstanding action items from previous FOWSA meetings (see <b>Attachment A</b> for a list) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- proposed to close the 2 outstanding action items from Meeting 20 (relating to transport projects and infrastructure activity) and the one from Meeting 23 (relating to market research) following the presentations by Transport for NSW, Infrastructure NSW and WSP Australia at today’s meeting.</li> <li>- Proposed to close the 3 outstanding action items from last FOWSA meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Secretariat provided an update on the 3 action items from the last FOWSA meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Action item 1</u> – The department to provide members with the number of submissions received that referred to the changes now presented in the final EIS.</li> <li>• The Secretariat provided the following information:</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All 8,477 submissions to the EIS were considered, summarised and responded in the submissions report that accompanied the final EIS. The changes adopted in the final EIS followed an extensive analysis of the key submissions that clearly suggested an alternative approach, were consistent with the Airport Plan and were safe to implement.</li> <li>- 51 submissions requested a change to flight paths to the west to avoid continued overflight of Wallacia and the mid Blue Mountains during the night. This resulted in the development of the Reciprocal Runway Operations – Noise Abatement Procedure (RRO NAP) and the relocation of the RRO northeast jet departures to the southeast departure flight path.</li> <li>- 3 submissions requested that RWY23 Departure to the North during the day be moved further away from communities at Mt Tomah, Mt Wilson and Mt Irvine.</li> <li>- 2 submissions requested that the RWY05 Arrival from East at night, and also when the Reciprocal Runway Operations is activated, be moved 1.5 km south (3 km south of Bundeena) to overfly non-populated areas in the Royal National Park.</li> <li>- One submission requested the removal of the Required Navigation Performance - Arrival approach at night to lift the height of aircraft over residential areas including Linden and Woodford from 5,000 ft to 12,000 ft.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Action item 2</u> – The department to review the noise contours with members at a future meeting.</li> <li>• The secretariat noted that the updated contours were the subject of presentations at the FoWSA meetings held on 24 August 2024, were circulated to members as part of the meeting papers following that meeting and are available online in the final EIS and aircraft overflight noise tool.</li> <li>• <u>Action item 3</u> – WSA Co to provide members with data for community events they have completed and the number of people engaged with at these events.</li> <li>• This information would be included in the presentation by WSA Co later in the agenda.</li> </ul>	

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		<p>The Chair asked whether the submissions suggesting changes were from organisations or individuals and whether they were from lay people or professionals. Mr Danny Namgyal, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the department) stated that the submissions were from a broad swathe of stakeholders predominantly community members, with a smaller number from stakeholder groups, including councils.</p> <p>The Chair noted how much had been done to progress the airspace and flight path design to this stage and the level of fidelity of this work.</p> <p>These action items are now closed with only one open action item on a presentation on the use of alternative fuels and technologies at WSA, which the secretariat plans to facilitate at the next FoWSA meeting.</p>	
2.	Update from the Department	<p>Mr Namgyal, provided the group with an update on the finalisation of the EIS for flight paths and the next steps for the detailed technical design. He noted that the department is now planning the implementation of the Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition program for later in 2025, is delivering the biodiversity offset delivery plan and implementing a range of Aviation White Paper initiatives.</p>	
3.	Infrastructure activity in Western Sydney	<p>Mr Andrew Glenis from Infrastructure NSW provided the group with an update on the infrastructure that will support the opening of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (WSI) and the Aerotropolis.</p> <p>Mr Nick Ryan from Business Western Sydney asked about the timing of the publication of the Aerotropolis Sector plan. Mr Glenis advised that this would occur in the next couple of months.</p> <p>Mr Wayne Willmington, representative of Luddenham, asked whether the Luddenham Village plan was part of the Aerotropolis Sector plan noting that the plan for Luddenham had</p>	

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		been in abeyance for three years. Mr Glenis advised that employment opportunities for the Luddenham area were part of the Sector plan but not other issues.	
4.	Transport projects to support the opening of WSI	<p>Mr Simon Cousins from Transport NSW provided the group with an update on the transport strategic vision that will support the opening of WSI and its operations in the future. Ms Sarah Glennan noted that as Transport for NSW is a large organisation, the group should contact their engagement team email to be provided to resolve issues.</p> <p>Mr Ryan asked about the relationship of the planned airport linked roads and logistics plans to the Western Sydney Orbital. Ms Glennan noted the South West logistics plan covers a broader range of links than the Western Sydney Orbital.</p> <p>Mr Ryan asked whether buses had been purchased and if there were additional bus lanes planned for the airport. Mr Cousins advised buses are being purchased and they are making business cases for additional bus lanes. Mr Ryan asked about consultation on the location of bus lanes. Mr Ryan asked Mr Cousins noted Transport for NSW consulted during 2023 on the entire precinct and 7 potential corridors. This is being used to inform their business case. They have relied on the information gathered from the previous consultation to inform their high-level design and they are working with Infrastructure NSW to bring this project forward. There is also a developers working group which they engage with to understand the timing of delivery of development.</p> <p>Mr Mark Andrews, representative for the Member for Macquarie, asked Transport for NSW to confirm that no buses are planned to go west of the airport. Mr Cousins confirmed this understanding and, noted that Transport for NSW were aware of this issue and advised that in the short to medium term the plan is to connect airport services to current local bus services.</p>	Transport for NSW to provide a contact email address to FoWSA
5.	Results from the final tranche of market research	Ms Deborah Palmer from WSP Australia provided the group with an update on the final tranche of market research conducted during the community engagement for the EIS.	

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		<p>The Chair reflected on the considerable work undertaken by WSP and the Australian Government on the community consultation, which included a letterbox drop to over 2 million businesses and households to raise awareness of the flightpaths, with the market research surveying over 2,500 people combined with more than 500,000 people engaged with since the airport was approved as part of the 2016 Environmental Impact Statement. The Chair congratulated both WSP and WSI for both leading this work.</p>	
6.	Update from the Air Navigation Service Provider	<p>Ms Annette Dittmar from Airservices Australia (Airservices) provided the group with an update about plans for temporary and permanent noise monitoring and the planned engagement as part of detailed design of the airspace and flight paths. She asked the group to send suggestions for suitable sites and landowners who might like to participate in temporary noise monitoring to <a href="mailto:communityengagement@airservicesaustralia.gov.au">communityengagement@airservicesaustralia.gov.au</a>.</p> <p>The Chair asked whether there were any noise monitors currently near WSI. Ms Dittmar explained there were none, as the current noise monitoring is targeted for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport. Mr Namgyal noted the EIS contains a baseline for noise in the area around WSI. Ms Dittmar explained there are different types of monitors for areas with low ambient noise such as the Blue Mountains and there were 29 temporary monitors for the EIS, which has provided the baseline data.</p> <p>Mr Scott Mitchell from Virgin Australia asked about how engagement on the noise impacts would be done and noted that this will be a key concern of the community. He mentioned that airlines often receive an increase in enquiries when changes are made to flight paths for example, in the case of Brisbane Airport Virgin received a number of enquiries directed at the airline. Ms Dittmar stated that the Government had been quite open about the noise effects and the fact that there will be increased noise. She noted the online noise tool was available for the public to access the flight paths for WSI.</p>	

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		<p>Ms Katy Hannouch from WSA Co further noted that the next 12 month testing phase will allow for further testing and subsequent community engagement on flight paths.</p> <p>Ms Palmer mentioned that the flight paths consultation process undertaken to-date has consciously built on learnings from the Brisbane airport experience to ensure broad engagement, including with suburbs further from the airport.</p> <p>Mr Daniel Jackson from Airservices noted that engagement in Brisbane on flight path changes had not extended far enough to include the areas where the noise impacts were expected to be in the 40 decibel range. Airservices had already supplemented the departments engagement to include areas within the noticeability range of 40 decibels. This would be continued during Airservices detailed design engagement.</p> <p>Mr Ryan noted that those residents in areas with low ambient noise would express the most concern about noise impacts.</p> <p>Mr Gordon Henwood, resident of Mulgoa, noted that detailed design phase was due to commence in early 2025 and asked whether Airservices could provide an update on this. Ms Dittmar informed him that Airservices was waiting for the Minister to make a decision on the preliminary airspace and flight paths.</p> <p>The Chair requested that the department keep members informed on when the detailed design phase is due to commence.</p>	
7.	Update from the Airport Operator	<p>Ms Hannouch provided an update on the development of the airport. She included information to address Action Item 3 by noting the number of community events WSA Co at attended and noting there had been more than 105,000 visitors to the Experience Centre and they had reached more than 446,000 people through community programs since 2018.</p>	

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8.	Other business	<p>The Chair reminded members that FoWSA will conclude this year.</p> <p>The final FoWSA meeting is expected to be held in June this year. The Secretariat has proposed a date of the 19 June 2025 and will send a placeholder for the 19 June.</p>	
		<p>The meeting was closed by the Chair at 1:00pm.</p>	

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### Status of Outstanding Action Items

Appendix A

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.	Open. To be provided at future meeting in 2025.

Meeting 20, 27 June 2023

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
3.	FoWSA to receive an update from Transport for NSW next year on the transport projects to support the opening of WSI.	Closed.
4.	FoWSA to receive briefing from WPCA on infrastructure activity in Western Sydney at future meeting.	Closed.

Meeting 23, 14 March 2024

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
2.	Department to provide an update on results from the final tranche of market research at the next FoWSA.	Closed
3.	Airservices to present on the aviation and firefighting station being built at WSI.	Closed.

Meeting 25, 14 November 2024

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
1.	The department to provide Members with the number of submissions received that referred to the changes now presented in the final EIS.	Closed



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2.	The department to review the noise contours with members at a future meeting.	Closed
3.	WSA Co to provide members with data community events they have completed and the number of people engaged with at these events.	Closed.

Meeting 26, 21 February 2025

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
1.	Transport for NSW to provide a contact email address to FoWSA.	Closed.

### Attendees

Appendix B

Ms Lee de Winton – Chair  
 Mr Jacob Idiculas – Resident of Bossley Park  
 Mr Gordon Henwood – Resident of Mulgoa  
 Mr Wayne Willmington – Resident of Luddenham  
 Mr Greg Copeland – Resident of Camden  
 Mr Tom Smith – Aeria Management Group  
 Ms Paris Buchtman – Office of the Federal Member for Lindsay  
 Mr Mark Andrews – Office of the Federal Member for Macquarie  
 Mr Todd Carney, Mayor of Penrith  
 Ms Gina Metcalfe – Bradfield Development Authority  
 Mr Nick Ryan – Representative of Business Western Sydney  
 Ms Tracy Burgesses – Representative of the Blue Mountains City Council  
 Mr Scott Mitchell – Virgin Australia  
 Ms Elizabeth Glinnis, Regional Development Australia  
 Ms Katy Hannouch – WSA Co  
 Ms Catherine Payne – WSA Co  
 Ms Annette Dittmar – Airservices Australia  
 Mr Daniel Jackson – Airservices Australia

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Mr David Jansen – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Mr Danny Namgyal - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Vicki Buchbach – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Anna Rynne – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Rosalie Roberts – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

### **Guest Presenters:**

Ms Deborah Palmer – WSP Australia  
Ms Sarah Glennan – Transport for NSW  
Mr Simon Cousins – Transport for NSW  
Mr Andrew Glenis – Infrastructure NSW

### **Apologies**

Ms Susan Templeman MP – Federal Member for Macquarie  
Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP –, Federal Member for Lindsay  
Mr Matt Gould – Mayor, Wollondilly Shire Council  
The Hon Angus Taylor MP – Federal Member for Hume  
Dr Mike Freelander MP – Federal Member for Macarthur  
Ms Anne Stanley MP – Federal Member for Werriwa  
Dr Rosemary Dillon – CEO, Blue Mountains City Council  
Ms Lindy Deitz – General Manager, Campbelltown City Council  
Mr Jason Breton – A/g CEO, Liverpool City Council  
Mr Chris Kwong – Qantas Group  
Ms Anna Guillane – Chair Regional Development Australia  
Mr David Trevelyan – Basair  
Mr David Borger – Business Western Sydney  
Mr Rob Walker – Regional Aviation Association Australia  
Ms Jo Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland  
Mr Matthew Martyn-Jones – WSA Co

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