

## Forum on Western Sydney Airport

### Forum on Western Sydney Airport - Record of Meeting 21

9.30am –11:15am, Thursday 28 September 2023

Penrith Panthers Leagues Club

123 Mulgoa Rd, Penrith NSW 2750

Chair: Ms Lee de Winton

Item	Description	Key Discussion Points	Action Items
1.	Welcome from Chair, confirmation of the agenda and opening remarks	<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 21<sup>st</sup> FoWSA meeting, the third meeting for 2023.</li><li>• The Chair mentioned there would tour of the Defence Establishment Orchard Hills following the meeting for FoWSA members.</li><li>• Noted change in FoWSA representation by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ welcoming Ms Rachael Turner from Qantas Group, who is replacing Ms Britt Becroft</li><li>○ welcoming Mayor Todd Carney from Penrith City Council, who is replacing Tricia Hitchen, and noting Deputy Mayor Mark Davies is in attendance on Mayor Carney’s behalf</li><li>○ thanking Senator Marise Payne for her contribution to FoWSA and acknowledging that this was Senator Payne’s last meeting as a member as she is retiring from politics on Friday.</li></ul></li><li>• Noted the apologies to the meeting (refer to <b>Appendix B</b> for attendees). The apologies included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ms Jo Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland</li><li>○ Mr Greg Copeland – Resident of Camden</li></ul></li></ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr John Walton – Resident of Silverdale</li> <li>○ Mr David Trevelyan – Basair</li> <li>○ Mr David Borger – Business Western Sydney</li> <li>○ Mr Steve Campbell – Regional Aviation Association Australia</li> <li>○ Mr Scott Mitchell – Virgin Australia</li> <li>○ Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for NSW</li> <li>○ The Hon Angus Taylor MP – Member for Hume</li> <li>○ Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP – Federal Member for Lindsay</li> <li>○ Dr Mike Freelander MP – Federal Member for Macarthur</li> <li>○ Ms Anne Stanley MP – Federal Member for Werriwa</li> <li>○ Dr Rosemary Dillon – Blue Mountains City Council</li> <li>○ Mr John Ajaka – CEO, Liverpool City Council</li> <li>○ Ms Lindy Deitz – General Manager, Campbelltown City Council</li> <li>○ Mr Todd Carney – Mayor, Penrith City Council</li> <li>○ Mr Matt Gould – Mayor, Wollondilly Shire Council</li> <li>○ Mr Eddie Dogramaci – Hawkesbury City Council</li> </ul>	
2.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms Lee De Winton noted that action items 3 and 4 from Meeting 20 (see Appendix A) are still open, and will be addressed at a future meeting in 2024 following the close of the draft EIS exhibition.</li> <li>● Action item 1 and 2 from Meeting 20 (see Appendix A) will be left as open as they are ongoing action items for Department.</li> </ul>	Items 3 and 4 from Meeting 20 to be addressed at a future meeting in 2024
3.	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and	<p>Mr David Jansen (Assistant Secretary, Western Sydney Airport Regulatory Policy Branch) provided FoWSA members with results of the community engagement activities conducted by the Department, following the release of the preliminary flight paths. It was noted that since the release of the preliminary flight paths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There have been 240,000 unique visitors to the online Aircraft Overflight Noise Tool (noise tool)</li> </ul>	

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	<p>the Arts (Department) Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information flyers to notify the release of the flight paths and noise tool was delivered to over 922,000 addresses within the 12 Local Government Areas surrounding the airport</li> <li>• 22 community events have been held to date, with the Flight Paths team engaging directly with 1,600 people at these events</li> <li>• The Department held 21 briefings with stakeholders, including local councils and Members of Parliament</li> <li>• The Department has received 970 pieces of correspondence, with top issues raised including noise impacts, curfew, water quality and interest in the draft noise insulation and property acquisition policy.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Jansen also briefed on the Department’s engagement with the general aviation community. In August, The Department hosted a meeting alongside Civil Aviation Safety Authority and Airservices Australia, to discuss proposed technical changes to the airspace in the Sydney Basin with operators and stakeholders. Technical feedback provided on the day is being used to inform, assess and refine the proposed changes, before they are released to industry for comment in the coming months, separate to the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.</p> <p>Mr Jarosch advised that Aeria Group have met with Bankstown airport operators and engaged a consultant to work with them following this meeting in August. They have identified areas for additional flight training to be held at Camden airport which has less of an impact on the Sydney airspace. Mr Jarosch thanked the Department for the consultation.</p> <p>Mr Jansen also provided the FoWSA members with an update on the Aviation Green Paper, which has been released and is available to view on the Department’s website and to make submissions on until 30 November 2023. The Aviation White Paper is expected to be released in mid-2024.</p>	

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4.	Draft EIS release and ambient noise monitoring	<p>Ms Paula Bradshaw from WSP Australia provided FoWSA Members with a presentation on the draft EIS process and ambient noise monitoring activities conducted for the purpose of the draft EIS.</p> <p><b>Draft EIS process update</b></p> <p>The draft EIS has been prepared in accordance with project-specific EIS guidelines issued by the Australia Minister for the Environment and Water in 2021.</p> <p>Ms Bradshaw noted the importance of making a formal submission on the draft EIS. all submissions will be considered as the flight path design and EIS are finalised.</p> <p>Ms Bradshaw also noted that submissions would be able to be provided online, by email and by post.</p> <p><b>Ambient noise monitoring</b></p> <p>A comprehensive field study using noise monitoring terminals (NMTs) was conducted from August to October 2022 to establish ambient noise levels in areas surrounding WSI. 29 NMTs were deployed around Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to continually measure ambient sound levels in selected areas and properties representative of land uses including; residential, recreational, commercial and rural. Ms Bradshaw showed the FoWSA group the average readings from NMTs and the data captured for one NMT to provide an example of the information that will be in the draft EIS.</p> <p>The Member for Macquarie asked how many monitors were placed in the Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury areas.</p>	

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		<p>Ms Bradshaw said that two had been placed in the Blue Mountains and two in Hawkesbury.</p> <p>Ms Turner, Qantas Group asked what standards were used to undertake the noise monitoring. Mr Jansen advised that monitoring was completed in accordance with <i>Australian Standard 1055:2018 Acoustics – Description of environmental noise and NSW EPA – Noise Policy for Industry (2017)</i>.</p> <p>Ms Turner, Qantas Group sought clarification on whether the existing conditions had been monitored, or whether the monitoring was to assess noise impacts from the flight paths. Ms Bradshaw confirmed that they were monitoring existing conditions and advised that the EIS guidelines require that a representation of current ambient noise be included to determine the impact of the flight paths once the airport is open.</p> <p>Chair of FoWSA, Ms de Winton, asked why 45 nautical miles was selected as the range for the EIS study radius.</p> <p>Ms Bradshaw advised that the geographic extent of the study area for WSI is a nominal 45 nautical mile (nm) or approximately 83 kilometre (km) radius from the centre of the new single runway. This 45nm radius encompasses areas that are most likely to be affected by the noise of aircraft using WSI’s flight paths, and is the same size area that is used to consider the Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport terminal area. Any areas that sit outside of the 45nm (approximately 83km) radius that are impacted by similar noise levels have also been considered.</p> <p>The Member for Macquarie referred to an example data sheet shown on WSP’s presentation stating that there was less than a minute with a maximum of 49-52 decibels noise during the overnight period and asked if there was any information to indicate how high those aircraft are or what type of aircraft were overhead?</p>	

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		<p>Ms Bradshaw responded that it was not the objective of technicians' work to monitor flights overhead, they just measured the noise levels for the study.</p> <p>Mr Jarosch, Aeria Group pointed out that Bankstown Airport often has helicopters with night time operations and suggested the aircraft sounds might be from those aircraft.</p> <p>Mr Henwood, resident for Mulgoa, remarked that the timings for the evening period extends to 7am, which is after a spike in noise activity from 5.30am. He wondered if this polluted the noise time average data at all. Ms Bradshaw advised she would take this on notice and provide a response to the FoWSA secretariat that can be distributed to members.</p> <p>Mr Jarosch, Aeria Group asked what the flow on impacts of the proposed flight paths would be for Bankstown and Camden Airports?</p> <p>Mr Jansen responded; in order to safely integrate the new flight paths for WSI, there will be changes to the existing airspace required. The proposed impacts will be assessed and can be found in the facilitated impacts chapter of the draft EIS. There is also an analysis on Bankstown Airport in this chapter.</p>	<p>WSP Australia provide details to FoWSA on the reason for selecting day and evening time periods for ambient noise monitoring</p>
5.	Draft EIS release engagement plan	<p>Ms Deborah Palmer from WSP Australia presented FoWSA members with the engagement plan for the release of the draft EIS.</p> <p>The phase 5 engagement plan aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build awareness by educating impacted communities and key stakeholders about the airspace and flight path design process, proposed changes and how it will impact them through information that's relevant, timely, consistent, coordinated, and accessible.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure impacted communities and key stakeholders understand how their feedback can influence airspace and flight path design.</li> <li>• Ensure impacted communities and key stakeholders feel they have had the opportunity to have their say during public exhibition of the Draft EIS and encourage them to do so.</li> </ul> <p>During the consultation, the Department will build awareness and encourage the community to make a submission through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stakeholder briefings</li> <li>○ Leveraging stakeholder networks</li> <li>○ Social media geotargeted to local areas</li> <li>○ Positioning posters in places of interest</li> <li>○ Distributing postcards at train stations</li> <li>○ Printing public notices in newspapers</li> <li>○ Media releases and briefings</li> <li>○ New supporting material (brochures, animations, FAQs)</li> <li>○ Translating brochures and animations into the top five languages for Western Sydney.</li> </ul> <p>Online information kits will be provided to stakeholders, including FoWSA members, which will include social media tiles, information about the EIS and downloadable information that stakeholders can share with their community groups.</p> <p>Ms Palmer requested FoWSA members to reach out to their communities and networks to announce the draft EIS is out when it is released, and to share information with their audience.</p> <p>Chair of FoWSA, Ms de Winton, reminded the group that they have an obligation as FoWSA members to share public information about the WSI project with their</p>	<p>Send FoWSA Members a newsletter with summarised information from presentation.</p>

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		audiences and networks and distributing information through channels such as newsletters and social media pages.	
6.	Update from WSA Co Limited (WSA Co)	<p>Katy Hannouch from WSA Co provided the group with an update on the airport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large numbers of visitors are attending the Experience Centre, with more than 50,000 visitors to date</li> <li>• WSA Co are maintaining strong customer satisfaction</li> <li>• There is strong progress on construction of the airport</li> <li>• The team at WSA Co are reaching out to different audiences through offsite visits to various community events and locations around Sydney.</li> </ul>	
7.	Next meeting and other business	<p>Mr Willmington, resident of Luddenham, is calling for support to turn a small parcel of land that is part of the airport site into a memorial for people who fought for this country. Chair of FoWSA, Ms de Winton, advised that she understood this matter had been discussed previously with the Department and would take the discussion offline with him.</p> <p>The Member for Macquarie asked the Chair to note that she thanks the Department for the respectfulness and the manner in which information about the flight paths has been delivered to residents of the Blue Mountains, and for the patience with which questions and concerns have been answered including via email.</p> <p>Chair of FoWSA, Ms de Winton, noted that there will be one more FoWSA meeting before the end of the year. The next meeting is expected to be held in November 2023, following the release of the draft EIS.</p>	FoWSA Secretariat to confirm date of next meeting
		The meeting was closed by the Chair at 11.16am.	



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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 19, 18 March 2023

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
1.	The Department to provide FoWSA members with a briefing on ambient noise testing results when details are available.	Closed. Provided at the September 2023 meeting.
2.	The Department to provide FoWSA members with a briefing on the biodiversity offset and rehabilitation activities at the Orchard Hills defence establishment site.	Closed. A tour of the Defence Establishment Orchard Hills site was arranged immediately following the September 2023 meeting.

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### 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 <a href="http://www.infrastructure.gov.au">www.infrastructure.gov.au</a>	Ongoing
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 2024.
4.	FoWSA to receive briefing from WPCA on infrastructure activity in Western Sydney at future meeting.	Open. To be provided at future meeting in 2024.

### Meeting 21, 28 September 2023

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
1.	WSP Australia provide details to FoWSA on the reason for selecting day and evening time periods for ambient noise monitoring	Open
2.	Send FoWSA Members a newsletter with summarised information from this meeting	Open

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Appendix B

### Attendees

Ms Lee de Winton – Chair  
Mr Jacob Idiculas – Resident of Bossley Park  
Mr Wayne Willmington – Resident of Luddenham  
Mr Gordon Henwood – Resident of Mulgoa  
Mr Daniel Jarosch – CEO, Aeria Management Group  
Ms Rachael Turner – Qantas Group  
Ms Anna Guillan – Chair of Regional Development Australia  
Mr Andrew Glenis – Western Parkland City Authority  
Ms Susan Templeman – Federal Member for Macquarie  
Mr Mark Davies – Deputy Mayor, Penrith City Council  
Ms Kelli Bennett-Smith – Office of the Hon. Angus Taylor MP  
Ms Tracy Burgess – Blue Mountains City Council  
Mr Scott MacKillop – WSA Co  
Ms Katy Hannouch – WSA Co  
Ms Annette Dittmar – Airservices Australia  
Mr David Jansen – Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Lulu Ou – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Mr Carl Souness – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Ellen West – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Anna Rynne – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Kimberley Creech – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Sofia Fahiz – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Mr Lauchlan Barrett – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts  
Ms Jacqueline French – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

### Guest Presenters

Ms Paula Bradshaw – WSP Australia  
Ms Deb Palmer – WSP Australia

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### Apologies

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Mr Scott Mitchell – Virgin Australia  
Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for NSW  
The Hon Angus Taylor MP – Federal Member for Hume  
Ms Melissa McIntosh MP – Federal Member for Lindsay  
Dr Mike Freelander MP – Federal Member for Macarthur  
Ms Anne Stanley MP – Federal Member for Werriwa  
Dr Rosemary Dillon – CEO, Blue Mountains City Council  
Mr John Ajaka – CEO, Liverpool City Council  
Ms Lindy Deitz – General Manager, Campbelltown City Council  
Mr Todd Carney – Mayor, Penrith City Council  
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