

Forum on Western Sydney Airport

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10:00am –12:30pm, Thursday 23 November 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">• Opened the meeting by formally acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held.• Welcomed everyone to the 22nd FoWSA meeting, the fourth and final meeting for 2023.• Noted change in FoWSA representation by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Acknowledging that Ms Rachael Turner, Qantas Airways has moved on from her role with Qantas and will no longer be on FoWSA. Ms Anna Pritchard, Qantas Airways, will be nominated in her place.• Noted the apologies to the meeting (refer to Appendix B for attendees).	

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2.	Action Items	<p>Ms de Winton noted that there were two action items from the last meeting. The FoWSA Secretariat provided an update on each item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action item 1 – WSP Australia to provide details to FoWSA on the reason for selecting the day and evening time periods for ambient noise monitoring for the environmental assessment of the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (WSI) preliminary flight paths. WSP Australia’s response was provided to members on 21 November 2023. • Action item 2 – FoWSA Secretariat to send FoWSA Members a newsletter with summarised information from meeting 21. This newsletter was included in the email to members on 31 October 2023 and subsequently published online. <p>Ms de Winton proposed to have action items 1 and 2 from last meeting closed on the register.</p> <p>The FoWSA Secretariat also noted that there remain two open action items from Meeting 20, including an action for FoWSA to receive briefing from the Western Parkland City Authority (WPCA) on infrastructure activity in Western Sydney at a future meeting. The Secretariat noted that in recognition of this action item, Mr Andrew Glenis, WPCA, would like to notify members a new online portal – the Western Sydney Airport Precinct Portal – that has been published to help the community understand the projects in the area that relate to the airport. The Secretariat will supply details of the portal to the members after the meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to share link to Western Sydney Airport Precinct Portal with FoWSA Members.
3.	Update on engagement activities following the release of the draft EIS	<p>Ms Deborah Palmer, WSP Australia, provided the group with an update on engagement and awareness raising on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the WSI preliminary flight paths and the results from market research undertaken for the project.</p>	

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		<p>Ms Palmer took members through the public engagement and awareness raising activities since the draft EIS release, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Information and Feedback Sessions • Information stalls • Online webinar • Meetings with Landholders close to WSI • Stakeholder briefings • Provision of draft EIS hardcopies for display • Posters in public spaces and information flyer handout at train stations • Targeted social media posts • Public notices in newspapers. <p>Ms Palmer explained that the purpose is to encourage people to make submissions, and to assist community members to navigate the submission process and to explain the impacts to them.</p> <p>Ms Palmer took the group through the approach to and results from the two rounds of market research to date and the focus groups conducted to gain information from the community regarding project understanding and sentiment.</p> <p>The key results from the market research were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness that design work on the flight paths for WSI is underway increased between the two rounds of market research. • Focus groups suggested there may be a lower level of awareness among culturally and linguistically diverse community members. • There was a large increase in awareness among community members relating to the forthcoming release of the draft EIS between the two rounds of market research. 	

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		<p>Ms Palmer advised that a third round of market research will be conducted after the draft EIS submissions period has closed in early 2024.</p> <p>Ms de Winton commented that a large body of work has been completed and congratulated the team on the work that has been put into community engagement.</p> <p>The Member for Lindsay thanked Ms Palmer and her team for the work that has completed. The Member for Lindsay noted Ms Palmer had made a comment about some communities not being as aware about the flight paths, and mentioned that the Lindsay community think there is a lack of awareness about the flight paths as the preliminary flight paths that have been released are different to those that were shown during consultation on the draft EIS for the stage 1 development of WSI. Ms Palmer noted that since the release of the draft EIS, the team has tried to increase the breadth of the engagement and awareness raising. Ms Palmer also stated that the team is happy to take any feedback about how members think communities can be targeted more specifically.</p> <p>Mr Daniel Jarosch, Aeria Group, thanked Ms Palmer and the team for the engagement work. He noted the facilitated impacts brochure and summary, as they relate to impacts for Bankstown Airport. He noted that he would like to see the impacts for pilots and their passengers to be addressed.</p> <p>Mayor Gould, Wollondilly Shire Council, noted that there is confusion in his community about the differences between the current planning restrictions and the draft Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition policy that has been released as part of the draft EIS and the different noise contours used for land planning and for the draft EIS.</p> <p>Mr David Jansen from the Department explained that the land planning restrictions in the New South Wales State Environment Planning Policy are based on an ultimate dual runway ANEC (Australian Noise Exposure Concept) contour that was prepared for the 2016 EIS for the stage 1 WSI development, while ANEC contours have been prepared for</p>	

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		<p>single runway operation for the draft EIS on the preliminary flight paths. Mr Jansen explained that the different ANEC contours served different purposes, and that the Western Sydney Airport Plan requires the preparation of a dual runway ANEC during the detailed flight path design phase following the EIS process. Mr Jansen undertook to consider how the Department can better explain the difference to community.</p>	
4.	Draft EIS submissions and learnings	<p>Mr Jansen and Ms Lulu Ou from the Department provided members with a briefing on the draft EIS and the learnings it has gleaned from submissions received to date on the draft EIS.</p> <p>As part of the briefing on the draft EIS, Mr Jansen took members through the Aircraft Overflight Noise Tool and highlighted the updates that have been made to the tool with the draft EIS release. This includes additional noise contours for the 2055 reference year and the proposed changes to some flight paths for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) and Bankstown Airports. Mr Jansen also gave an overview of the draft Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition policy and the key EIS assessment topics including air quality, landscape and visual amenity, land use planning, Greater Blue Mountains Area, economic impacts and human health impacts.</p> <p>Mayor Gould remarked that facilitated changes to The Oaks airport had not been mentioned and asked if that meant there will be no impacts. Mr Jansen responded that the Department has not proposed any changes to the Oaks Airport flight paths.</p> <p>The Member for Lindsay asked if homes outside the ANEC 20 composite contour shown for the draft Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition policy would have a case for insulation. Mr Jansen responded that houses outside the ANEC 20 composite contour for 2040 reference year would not qualify for noise treatment under the draft policy.</p> <p>Mayor Gould observed that there are landowners in Silverdale that are subject to planning restrictions but do not qualify for noise treatment under the draft policy. Mr Jansen</p>	

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		<p>explained that the planning restrictions are designed to protect the future operating state of WSI and a future second runway, whereas the draft Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition policy is a mitigation of noise impacts for a single runway. Mr Jansen explained that a future government will have to go through the same process when they decide to construct a second runway and that is the point when houses affected by the second runway would be considered for noise treatment.</p> <p>Ms Lulu Ou, from the Department, continued the briefing by providing members with a breakdown of key statistics relating to the submissions received to date. 280 submissions had been received, with 204 in the first two weeks after the draft EIS release. The top themes raised in submissions are the lack of curfew at WSI, noise insulation and flight path location concerns. Ms Ou also briefed the members on usage statistics for the flight paths website and Noise Tool since the release of the draft EIS, and upcoming engagement activities. Upcoming activities include updating the Noise Tool to include a summary report for WSI flight path and noise forecasts for each address, and in-language dubbing of the draft EIS and flight paths animation videos.</p> <p>Mayor Todd Carney, Penrith City Council, asked what the community turn out in the suburbs of St Clair and Erskine Park have been like and expressed concern that the awareness level in these suburbs is low given the Western Weekender is not distributed in these areas.</p> <p>Ms Ou noted that the Department has held two information stalls in St Clair with the team speaking with over 100 people at the first stall and over 200 at the second stall. Ms Ou said that the Department’s observation at these stalls is that people are aware of the flight paths including those that did not speak with the team There have also been two Community information and Feedback Sessions held in St Clair. Ms Ou also noted that there has been advertising in multiple local newspapers across greater Western Sydney with targeted social media ads.</p>	

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		<p>Mr Jarosch asked if there is further planned consultations with the community impacted by the Bankstown Airport changes. Mr Jansen stated that there are community sessions and stalls in the Bankstown area, and the department is also engaging with the general aviation community.</p>	
5.	Update from the Air Navigation Service Provider	<p>Ms Annette Dittmar from Airservices Australia provided FoWSA members with an update on the current activities being carried out by her team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mailout flyer is being delivered to most of Greater Sydney, which was planned and co-branded with the Department. • Airservices Australia will be holding community engagement in 8 locations to supplement the Department’s consultation and engagement on the draft EIS. <p>Mr Jansen noted that the Department supports Airservices’ activities, and that they will provide greater opportunities for outreach to the community.</p> <p>Mr Mark Andrews, representative at the meeting for the Member for Macquarie, said that the Electorate Office had been receiving phone calls from members of the community who believe that current flights for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport have increased as to ‘soften us up for what is to come’ and asked if there is there a way to demonstrate this is not the case.</p> <p>Ms Donna Marshall, Airservices Australia, responded that Airservices Australia’s ‘Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood’ online tool shows lots of aircraft information that can be used for this purpose and said she will share the link with FoWSA members following this meeting alongside the mailout details.</p> <p>Mr Jarosch advised that each airport has a master plan which could also be a good reference point when speaking with these community members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to share a link to ‘Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood’ online tool with FoWSA members. • Secretariat to share a copy of mailout flyer with FoWSA members. • Secretariat to share details of upcoming Airservices Australia engagement activities with FoWSA members.

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6.	Update from WSA Co Limited (WSA Co)	<p>Ms Katy Hannouch from WSA Co provided members with an update on the WSI construction and activities undertaken by WSA Co since the last FoWSA meeting in September. This included attending 2 First Nations events in local communities, to provide career-focused information and details about how to get involved with the airport. WSA Co also had over 5,000 visitors through its Experience Centre.</p> <p>The WSA Co team has also been providing visitors with information to make submissions on the draft EIS.</p>	
7.	Next meeting and other business	<p>The Chair thanked the Department, WSP Australia, Airservices Australia and WSA Co for their presentations and the work they are doing to engage and consult with community.</p> <p>The Chair advised members that the FoWSA Secretariat will be in touch to confirm the date of the next meeting in 2024.</p> <p>The Chair wished members a happy and safe Christmas and summer.</p>	Secretariat to confirm date of next meeting with FoWSA members.
		The meeting was closed by the Chair at 12.16pm.	

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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 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	Closed. Response was provided to members on the 21 st November.
2.	Send FoWSA Members a newsletter with summarised information from this meeting	Closed. Newsletter was sent to Members via email on 31 October 2023.

Meeting 22, 23 November 2023

Action Item No	Action Item	Status
1.	Secretariat to share link to Western Sydney Airport Precinct Portal with FoWSA Members.	Closed. Email sent to members on 23 November 2023.
2.	Secretariat to share a link to 'Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood' online tool with FoWSA members.	Closed. Email sent to members on 23 November 2023.
3.	Secretariat to share a copy of mailout flyer with FoWSA members.	Closed. Email sent to members on 23 November 2023.
4.	Secretariat to share details of upcoming Airservices Australia engagement activities with FoWSA members.	Closed. Email sent to members on 23 November 2023.

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5.	Secretariat to confirm date of next meeting with FoWSA members.	Open
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Appendix B

Attendees

Ms Lee de Winton – Chair
Mr Jacob Idiculas – Resident of Bossley Park
Mr Daniel Jarosch – CEO, Aeria Management Group
Mr Todd Carney – Mayor, Penrith City Council
Mr Matt Gould – Mayor, Wollondilly Shire Council
Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP – Federal Member for Lindsay
Ms Kelli Bennett-Smith – Office of the Federal Member for Hume
Mr Mark Andrews – Office of the Federal Member for Macquarie
Mr Scott MacKillop – WSA Co
Ms Katy Hannouch – WSA Co
Ms Annette Dittmar – Airservices Australia
Ms Donna Marshall – 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
Ms Anna Rynne – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Ms Kimberley Creech – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Mr Daniel Knott – A/g Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Mr Alf Duczek – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Mr John Wynants – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

Online participants:

Mr Gordon Henwood – Resident of Mulgoa
Mr Andrew Glenis – Western Parkland City Authority
Mr Todd Reynolds – Virgin Australia
Mr Carl Souness – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts

Guest Presenters:

Ms Deborah Palmer – WSP Australia

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Apologies

Mr Greg Copeland – Resident of Camden
Ms Jo Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland
Mr John Walton – Resident of Silverdale
Ms Anna Guillan – Chair of Regional Development Australia
Ms Susan Templeman – Federal Member for Macquarie
Mr David Trevelyan – Basair
Mr David Borger – Business Western Sydney
Mr Steve Campbell – Regional Aviation Association Australia
Mr Scott Mitchell – Virgin Australia
Mr Wayne Willmington – Resident of Luddenham
The Hon Marise Payne – Former Senator for NSW
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
Mr John Ajaka – CEO, Liverpool City Council
Ms Lindy Deitz – General Manager, Campbelltown City Council
Mr Eddie Dogramaci – Hawkesbury City Council