

Forum on Western Sydney Airport

Record of Meeting 11

10:00 am – 11:30 am, Friday 19 June 2020

Through Zoom

Acting Chair: Ms Sarah Leeming

Item	Description	Key Discussion Points	Action Items
1.	Welcome from the Acting Chair and confirmation of agenda	<p>The Acting Chair, Ms Sarah Leeming from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (the Department), welcomed members to the first meeting for 2020 and to the first digital meeting through Zoom. The Acting Chair opened the meeting by formally acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting was being conducted.</p> <p>It was noted Professor Peter Shergold AC had stepped down from the Chair position, with the new Chair to be announced soon. It was agreed FOWSA would send a letter to Professor Shergold thanking him for his service as the inaugural FOWSA Chair.</p> <p>The Chair acknowledged apologies received (see <u>Appendix B</u> of this meeting record) and welcomed delegates representing FOWSA members who were unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p><u>Meeting 10 records and actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FOWSA Secretariat prepared a record of Meeting 10, which is available on the Department's website. • There were <u>three</u> Action Items arising from the last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FOWSA Meeting 10, Item 1 (Secretariat to arrange for next meeting to be held at WSA's Visitor Experience Centre) This Action Item was unable to be progressed due to COVID-19 restrictions. ○ FOWSA Meeting 10, Item 2 (Secretariat to send members a list of the engagement the Department has had with Dr Ancich/Mr Carter.) 	<p><u>Action Item 1:</u> FOWSA to send letter to Professor Shergold thanking him for his service as FOWSA Chair.</p>

		<p>The Secretariat confirmed the list had been circulated to members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FOWSA Meeting 10, Item 3 (Secretariat to arrange for Ms Concha, Sustainability Manager WSA Co, to speak at a future meeting) This action item will be progressed for a future meeting. The Chair noted this meeting was focusing on COVID-19 recovery and the progress at the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport and Ms Concha would be invited to present in the future. <p>The Acting Chair noted she would like to get feedback from Members on what issues they would like discussed at meetings in the future. Ms Jo Bromilow, community member representing the Blue Mountains, asked to discuss questions raised to her by Residents against Western Sydney Airport (RAWSA) members. This was discussed in Other Business.</p>	<p>Action Item 2: Secretariat to circulate survey to members on future topics to be discussed at FOWSA.</p>
	<p>Shovel’s ready, Stimulating the Western Sydney economic recovery’ report</p>	<p>Mr David Borger OAM, Executive Director, Western Sydney Business Chamber, provided a presentation on the “Shovel’s ready, Stimulating the Western Sydney economic recovery” report commissioned by the Western Sydney Business Chamber.</p> <p>Mr Borger highlighted the opportunities identified in the report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and Federal governments to develop an economic stimulus package for local councils, including bringing forward capital investment and removing rate capping. • All tiers of government to work together to bring forward shovel-ready projects and increasing maintenance funding. • That governments work with local industry to develop a Western Sydney Manufacturing Plan. • Removing bottlenecks in the Western Sydney logistics and freight networks, including the duplication of Port Botany freight line and the construction of an intermodal at Western Sydney Airport. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a root and branch reform of government regulation and taxation should be undertaken. • Opportunities for office co-location facilities in Western Sydney should be looked at. <p>Members asked questions about the report, including the exclusion of transport links to the south west, research and development, and noted the limited capacity for councils to charge higher rates.</p> <p>The Acting Chair mentioned the Australian Government’s work with councils to identify shovel-ready projects for potential future funding. Ms Leeming then encouraged FOWSA members to send through their questions to Mr Borger through the Secretariat.</p>	<p>Action Item 3: FOWSA members to send through any additional questions to the Secretariat and they will be sent through to Mr Borger.</p>
2.	Departmental Update	<p>Ms Leeming began by providing an overview of recent announcements related to the Department, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pivot of the Department to address COVID-19 related matters. • The Australian Government assistance package to the aviation industry, including \$1.3 billion committed by the government to support the industry, the waiving of Airservices Australia and aviation fuel excise charges, the support of domestic flights and the funding of regional air routes and operators. <p>Ms Leeming provided members with information on the funding announcement for the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport Rail Link. An additional \$3.5 billion has been committed by the Australian Government and the NSW Government for the rail line, which will inject 14,000 jobs into the economy. There will be two stations within the airport site, station at St Marys, Orchid Hills, Luddenham and the Aerotropolis.</p> <p>Ms Leeming also provided an update on the Department’s airspace design process, and advised that progression into the Preliminary Design Phase is expected this year. She noted industry engagement has been challenging due to COVID-19. The Airspace Design team has started to prepare for the environmental assessment tender process.</p>	

		<p>On stakeholder engagement, Ms Leeming mentioned pop-ups had been put on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions. The latest evaluative research has been released on the Department's website; however, the Department has not yet decided the future scope of this work as the high-level figures have not changed substantially over the course of the research. The Secretariat will circulate the latest evaluative research to members.</p> <p>On environmental matters, Ms Leeming updated members on the progress of the biodiversity offsets and encouraged members to let the Department know of any suitable land for biodiversity offsets. Councillor Rasmussen indicated there may be wetlands in the Hawkesbury area suitable as offsets and that the Department could contact the Hawkesbury City Council.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding Virgin Australia and its role in Western Sydney as well as continuation of advocacy work for universities to be included in the Aerotropolis. Members asked to continue engaging with the universities through FOWSA to help them leverage value from the Aerotropolis.</p>	<p>Action Item 4: Secretariat to circulate evaluative research to members.</p> <p>Action Item 5: FOWSA to continue engaging with universities to leverage value out of the Aerotropolis.</p>
3.	Western Sydney Airport Update	<p>The Acting Chair invited Mr Scott MacKillop, General Manager for Media and Government Relations at WSA, to provide a project update.</p> <p>Mr MacKillop provided members with an update on the progress of WSA's construction activities. He advised members that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction progress had not been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. • Initial earthworks have been completed, with over 1.8 million cubic metres of earth moved. • In March 2020, the Deputy Prime Minister celebrated the commencement of major earthworks at the WSA site. • At the peak of construction, there will be one million cubic meters of earth being moved a day. • There will be up to 182 pieces of machinery on site, with some of the largest bulldozers in the world. • Procurement activities for a Baggage Handling System and Terminal Construction will commence soon. 	<p>Action Item 6: Secretariat to circulate the presentations from the FOWSA meeting.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal salvage work has been completed. • Community engagement continues to be a focus of the airport. The airport has continued its partnerships with Conservation Volunteers Australia and Liverpool Council with the Minecraft competition, although the competition been postponed this year. <p>The Acting Chair thanked Mr MacKillop for his presentation and called for any questions.</p> <p>Members queried whether there were any lessons from COVID would be applied to the new airport. Mr MacKillop noted WSA were designing to give the airport the ability to adapt to challenges in the future.</p>	
8.	Other Business	<p>The Acting Chair thanked Ms Kiersten Fishburn, who is leaving her role at Liverpool Council, and Ms Lee de Winton, who is leaving her role as CEO of Sydney Metro Airports, for their service to FOWSA. Both Ms Fishburn and Ms de Winton noted the productive working relationships they had within FOWSA and with the Department, and the importance of FOWSA as a mechanism to keep the public and the General Aviation community informed. FOWSA members thanked Ms Fishburn and Ms de Winton for their active engagement with FOWSA since its inception.</p> <p>Ms Bromilow noted there were questions raised by RAWSA about the public observing FOWSA meetings. The Acting Chair noted that the Department would raise this question with the incoming Chair.</p>	Action Item 7: Secretariat to raise membership and observers with the new Chair.
9.	Upcoming Meetings	The date for Meeting 12 is to be announced, after discussion with the new Chair, once appointed.	

Status of Outstanding Action Items

Meeting 1, 26 May 2017

Action Item Number	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 Number	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 in 2020 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 Number	Action Item	Status
1	Secretariat to arrange for next meeting to be held at WSA's Visitor Experience Centre.	Ongoing
3	Secretariat to arrange for Ms Concha, Sustainability Manager WSA Co, to speak at a future meeting.	Ongoing

Meeting 11, 19 June 2020

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1	FOWSA to send letter to Professor Shergold thanking him for his service as FOWSA Chair.	Ongoing
2	Secretariat to circulate survey to members on future topics to be discussed at FOWSA.	Ongoing
3	FOWSA members to send through any additional questions to the secretariat and they will be sent through to Mr Borger.	Ongoing
4	Secretariat to circulate evaluative research to members.	Ongoing
5	FOWSA to continue engaging with universities to leverage value out of the Aerotropolis	Ongoing
6	Secretariat to circulate the presentations from the FOWSA meeting.	Ongoing
7	Secretariat to raise membership and observers with the new Chair.	Ongoing

Attendees

Ms Sarah Leeming (Acting Chair) – Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Mr Wayne Wilmington – Resident of Luddenham
Mr Gregory Copeland – Resident of Camden
Mr John Walton – Resident of Silverdale
Ms Joanne Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland
Mr Jacob Idiculas – Resident of Bossley Park
Ms Kiersten Fishburn – CEO, Liverpool City Council
Cr Ross Fowler OAM – Mayor, Penrith City Council
Ms Lindy Deitz – General Manager, Campbelltown City Council
Mr Jim Davis – Regional Aviation Association of Australia
Ms Lee de Winton – CEO, Sydney Metro Airports Bankstown and Camden
Mr Will Spence – Office of Senator the Hon Marise Payne
Dr Mike Freelander – Federal Member for Macarthur
Mr David Borger – Western Sydney Director, Sydney Business Chamber
Mr Gordon Henwood – Resident of Mulgoa

Ex Officio Members

Nicole Ryan – Western Sydney Airport
Scott MacKillop – Western Sydney Airport

Apologies

Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for New South Wales
Ms Melissa McIntosh MP – Federal Member for Lindsay
Ms Anne Stanley MP – Federal Member for Werriwa
Mr Paul Chevalier – Virgin Australia
Ms Britt Walters – Qantas
Dr Rosemary Dillon – General Manager, Blue Mountains City Council
Mr Bob Germaine – Regional Development Australia Sydney