

Forum on Western Sydney Airport

Record of Meeting 13 09:30am – 12:30pm, Friday 28 May 2021 Quest Penrith, 83 Lord Sheffield Circuit, Penrith Chair: Ms Lee de Winton

Item	Description	Key Discussion Points	Action Items
1.	Welcome from Chair, confirmation of agenda	<p>The Chair, Ms Lee de Winton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opened the meeting by formally acknowledging the Dharug people as the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was being conducted.• Welcomed members to the Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FoWSA) after a break from face-to-face meetings due to Covid impacts and appointing new members. The Chair advised that there would be at least three face-to-face meetings this calendar year.• Welcomed six new members to FoWSA and thanked previous members for their contributions. The new members are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr Eddie Jackson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Liverpool City Council○ Mr Steven Campbell, CEO of the Regional Aviation Association of Australia○ Mr Daniel Jarosch, CEO of Sydney Metro Airports○ Ms Megan Morris, Senior Manager, Policy and Regulation, Qantas○ Mr Ben Rayner, Head of Line Operations and Policy, Virgin Australia○ Ms Anna Guillan, Chair of Regional Development Australia, Sydney	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledged the outgoing members:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr Jim Davis, Regional Aviation Association Australia○ Ms Britt Becroft, Manager, Industry Affairs, Qantas Group○ Mr Bob Germaine, Regional Development Australia, Sydney • Noted the apologies to the meeting and welcomed the alternative representatives attending the meeting today. Refer to Appendix B. The apologies included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for New South Wales○ Dr Mike Freelander MP, Member for Macarthur, New South Wales○ Ms Melissa McIntosh MP, Federal Member for Lindsay○ Ms Anne Stanley MP, Member for Werriwa○ Ms Lindy Deitz, General Manager Campbelltown City Council○ Dr Rosemary Dillon, General Manager Blue Mountains City Council○ Mr Paul Rasmussen, Hawkesbury City Council○ Mr Ben Rayner, Head of Line Operations and Policy, Virgin Australia○ Mr Steve Campbell, CEO, Regional Aviation Association of Australia○ Mr David Borger, Director Western Sydney Business Chamber○ Ms Megan Morris – Qantas Representative○ Cr Ross Fowler OAM – Mayor, Penrith City Council○ Mr Tim Poole – Chief Operating Officer, Western Parkland City Authority • Advised of her attendance to a recent Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration Inquiry – the planning, construction and management of the Western Sydney Airport project. A link to the transcript of that Inquiry was provided via email to the FoWSA members on 11 May 2021.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmed the agenda for the meeting. <p>The Chair referred to previous action items. There were seven Action Items arising from Meeting 12 and seven outstanding action items from previous meetings.</p> <p>FOWSA Meeting 12, Item 1 - Department to provide mini update before the next meeting, which will include additional information on the water budget funding, council and the Budget as a whole.</p> <p>The Department provided an update on funding announced for key local infrastructure activities and the aviation budget. More information is available at www.budget.gov.au which outlines a range of Government initiatives, including water and Council grants.</p> <p>FOWSA Meeting 12, Item 2 - Secretariat will invite representative of Transport NSW to present at a future FoWSA.</p> <p>The FoWSA Secretariat will invite a representative from Transport NSW to present at a future FoWSA meeting.</p> <p>FOWSA Meeting 12, Item 3 – Mr Andrew Jackson, Executive Director at the Western Sydney Planning Partnership, to provide an update on the Aerotropolis plan.</p> <p>Mr Jackson addressed this in his presentation.</p> <p>FOWSA Meeting 12, Item 4 - Chair will provide Ms Bromilow with letter confirming her intention to continue holding annual open FoWSA meetings, when feasible.</p>	
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		<p>Open FoWSA meetings were postponed due to COVID-19. The Secretariat will continue to monitor the ability to hold large in-person meetings and whether there is scope later in 2021 to hold an open FoWSA meeting in a COVID-safe manner.</p> <p>FOWSA Meeting 12, Item 5 - Secretariat to request speaker from NSW Government to brief FoWSA members on freight strategy and the M9 corridor at future meeting.</p> <p>Mr Andrew Jackson from the NSW Planning Partnership is attending today, and the Secretariat will invite Transport for NSW representatives to the next meeting.</p> <p>FOWSA Meeting 12, Item 6 - Item 6 – not listed [administrative error]. No action required.</p> <p>FOWSA Meeting 12, Item 7 - The Department will consider online newsletter options in lieu of mailed newsletters during Covid-19, and discuss options at next FoWSA meeting.</p> <p>The Department is reviewing its approach to community engagement and outlined progress in agenda item 2.</p> <p>Outstanding action items from previous meetings (at Appendix A) are considered before each meeting and addressed where appropriate and as time on the agenda permits.</p>	
2.	Departmental Update	<p>Mr Richard Wood (First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation Technology and Services) and Mr David Jansen (Assistant Secretary, Western Sydney Airport Regulatory Policy) presented an update from the</p>	

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		<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.</p> <p>Department's responsibilities include the Secretariat for FoWSA, airspace design, biodiversity offsets, overseeing the airport build and elements of Aboriginal cultural heritage.</p> <p>The presentation included recent budget announcements, probity, stakeholder and community engagement, airspace design, biodiversity and Aboriginal Keeping Place.</p> <p>Mr Wood provided a summary of the 2021-22 Budget Announcements including: \$2 billion for the Great Western Highway from Katoomba to Lithgow; \$66 million for the Newcastle Airport; \$35.7 million for National Emerging Aviation Technology initiatives; \$1.2 billion package for aviation and tourism sectors including \$800 million for half-price airfares to fifteen regions and \$200 million to the International Aviation Support to retain an international aviation capacity. Other initiatives included subsidising fixed domestic aviation security costs, and extending the Domestic Aviation Network Support and Regional Airline Network Support Programs until 30 September 2021.</p> <p>Mr Wood outlined a number of assurance processes recently completed or underway, including the Leppington Triangle (Independent Review), biodiversity offsetting (assurance review) and the Senate Finance and Public Administration Reference Committee – Inquiry into planning construction and management of the Western Sydney Airport Project.</p> <p>Mr Jansen advised FoWSA that the Department is committed to providing information to the community about the progress and status of the WSA project, including opportunities for community input. Mr Jansen noted the</p>	
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	<p>Department is refreshing its approach to community engagement and will provide an update at the next FoWSA meeting. FoWSA members advised that briefing sessions with local business groups and councils on progress of the airport developments had been well received and encouraged the Department to conduct further briefings in cooperation with WSA Co. and the NSW Government.</p> <p>The presentation outlined the approach that is being taken airspace and flight path design. Mr Jansen noted the complexities of existing airspace users in the Sydney Basin and the range of priorities that must be incorporated into the design, while maintaining the primacy of safety. The requirements outlined in the Airport Plan, specifically condition 16 and the Airspace Design Principles were articulated to members, and it was noted these were developed following feedback from the community in response to the 2015 draft Environmental Impact Statement.</p> <p>The Chair commented that given the complexity and iterative nature of airspace design that the appropriate stage for community consultation should take place when the airspace design is more mature and accompanied by an environmental impact statement.</p> <p>The Department noted that a public exhibition of the airspace design and flights paths would take place during the environmental assessment process, which would involve the opportunity to provide feedback.</p> <p>The Department will keep stakeholders informed about progress on the development of airspace design and flight paths.</p> <p>The Department is implementing the Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan (BODP) through a range of mechanisms, including with the Department of Defence and through the NSW Government Offset Schemes. Biodiversity</p>	<p>Action Item 1: The Department will provide an update on its approach to community engagement at the next FoWSA meeting.</p> <p>Action Item 2: The Department will arrange a FoWSA presentation on the flight path design process this calendar year.</p> <p>Action Item 3: The Department will prepare a fact sheet on the progress of flight path design that can be disseminated in the community.</p>
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		<p>offsetting work continues at Orchard Hills with rehabilitation underway to transform the Cumberland Plain Woodlands after 200 years of farming on the land. Implementation reports on biodiversity offsetting are on the Department’s website at https://www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au/environment-heritage/environment/biodiversity-offset-delivery-plan</p> <p>The Department outlined the initial consultation for an Aboriginal Keeping Place. It was noted that there are a range of different opinions as to how an Aboriginal Keeping Place could be implemented. FoWSA members enquired whether the artefacts were collected from the broader region beyond the airport site. WSA Co confirmed that artefacts were collected from within the airport site boundary.</p>	
3.	Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (WSIA) Update	<p>The Chair invited Mr Scott MacKillop, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer and Ms Katy Hannouch, General Manager, Community Engagement and Partnerships from WSA Co, to provide an update.</p> <p>The update included recent progress on construction and deliverables, and the community engagement activities, including the Open Day.</p> <p>Community engagement and partnership is community focused, driving understanding and providing socio-economic uplift.</p> <p>WSA Co outlined progress with the earthworks (early earthworks 100% complete, major earthworks 60% complete, terminal design 30% complete). The presentation also outlined progress on the air cargo precinct, aircraft cargo partners, baggage handling, and future anticipated passenger and cargo operations. WSA Co also provided an update on their approach to community engagement, including, school programs.</p>	

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		<p>In response to FoWSA queries, WSA Co advised that they are happy to present to schools about safety and career pathways in airport construction and operation.</p> <p>WSA Co advised they will imminently announce their terminal contractor.</p> <p>WSA Co has formed strong partnerships with international, community and volunteer organisations to increase the economic prosperity, inspire students and conserve and rehabilitate the environment. WSA Co detailed their 12 Community Engagement Channels.</p> <p>WSA Co consider that the western Sydney aviation outlook is looking very positive for the whole community.</p>	
4.	NSW Government Update	<p>Mr Andrew Jackson from the NSW Government, Western Sydney Planning Partnership provided an update on planning for the Aerotropolis.</p> <p>Mr Jackson outlined the multiple considerations that underpin the framework for precinct planning. Key drivers include connections between transport, jobs and the market place. Other connections are culturally based and allow for connections to Country and Aboriginal cultural heritage. Environmental considerations are another important component of the planning and provide for sustainable management of water, vegetation, new transport networks, density of housing, buildings and green space.</p> <p>The precinct planning will include flexibility as development will occur over the next 40-50 years and land use and activities will change over that time. A critical factor noted for successful planning is careful sequencing that allows for opportunities for future developments balanced with green space.</p>	

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		<p>There have been public exhibitions and over 600 submissions have been received. These submissions will inform precinct plans and development. In addition, Professor Roberta Ryan, has been appointed as an Independent Community Commissioner and she will develop a consultative process to assist stakeholders to arrive at constructive, mutual outcomes.</p> <p>FoWSA members enquired about the impact of floods, recent rain events, when the final terminal design will go on public exhibition, types of transport, distribution and density of transport and how to create opportunities and optimise connections.</p> <p>WSA Co reflected that the whole airport site was well managed and the mitigation measures were mostly effective during the heavy rainfall events.</p> <p>WSA Co advised that the terminal design does not go to public exhibition but it must meet its brief and stringent requirements. Final terminal design is expected to be announced shortly.</p> <p>WSA Co explained that there are many levels of transport, including buses and the aim is to optimise connections. Consultation with NSW Transport continues.</p>	
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5.	FoWSA Administration	<p>The Chair thanked all the presenters for their updates and contributions.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that there would be three face-to-face meetings this calendar year, subject to COVID impacts.</p> <p>The Chair reiterated that flight path design is a complex process that takes several years to complete. The Chair noted that Department is working closely with aviation specialists and technical experts across Government to progress this complex piece of work.</p> <p>FoWSA members requested up-to-date and regular information, particularly relating to airspace design. The Chair advised that a future FoWSA meeting will be focused on airspace design preliminary development and noise impacts. The Department advised that website material will be updated over the coming months.</p> <p>FoWSA members requested notes from the meeting and presentations by the week commencing 7 June 2021.</p>	
6.	Other Business	<p>The next meeting will be arranged by the FoWSA Secretariat for the coming months. FoWSA members are welcome to contact the FoWSA secretariat with any queries or concerns.</p> <p>FoWSA members were invited to the Western Sydney Airport Experience Centre for a tour following the completion of the formal meeting.</p>	
		<p>The meeting was closed by the Chair at 12:09pm.</p>	

Appendix A

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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 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

Action Item Number	Action Item	Status
2	Ongoing action for Secretariat to collect suggestions from members for future FOWSA Meeting topics	Ongoing
5	FOWSA Secretariat to invite universities to speak on their future plans in Western Sydney and the Aerotropolis	Ongoing

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Appendix B

Attendees

Ms Lee de Winton – Chair of FoWSA
Ms Joanne Bromilow – Resident of Blaxland
Mr Gordon Henwood – Resident of Mulgoa
Mr Jacob Idiculas – Resident of Bossley Park
Mr John Walton – Resident of Silverdale
Mr Wayne Wilmington – Resident of Luddenham
Mr Gregory Copeland – Resident of Camden
Mr Will Spence – Office of Senator the Hon Marise Payne
Mr Josh Edwards – Office of Ms Melissa McIntosh MP, Federal Member for Lindsay
Ms Rebecca Grasso –for Ms Lindy Deitz, General Manager Campbelltown City Council
Ms Tracey Burgess – Representative for Blue Mountains City Council
Mr Eddie Jackson – CEO Liverpool City Council
Mr Daniel Jarosch – CEO Sydney Metro Airports
Mr Mustafa Agha – for Mr David Borger, Western Sydney Director, Sydney Business Chamber
Ms Anna Guillan – Chair, Regional Development Australia, Sydney
Mr Mark Kay – for Mr Tim Poole – Chief Operating Officer, Western Parkland City Authority
Mr Richard Wood – First Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Mr David Jansen – Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Mr Adam Stankevicius – Assistant Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Ms Dale Sheridan – Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Dr Geraldine Cusack – Assistant Director, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Ex Officio Members

Katie Hannouch – Western Sydney Airport Co.
Scott MacKillop – Western Sydney Airport Co.

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Guest Presenter

Mr Andrew Jackson – Director, Western Sydney Planning Partnership, NSW

Apologies

Senator the Hon Marise Payne – Senator for New South Wales.

Dr Mike Freeland MP, Member for Macarthur, New South Wales

Ms Melissa McIntosh MP, Federal Member for Lindsay

Ms Anne Stanley MP, Member for Werriwa.

Ms Lindy Deitz, General Manager Campbelltown City Council

Dr Rosemary Dillon, General Manager Blue Mountains City Council

Mr Paul Rasmussen, Hawkesbury City Council

Mr Ben Rayner, Head of Line Operations and Policy, Virgin Australia.

Mr Steve Campbell, CEO, Regional Aviation Association of Australia

Mr David Borger, Director Western Sydney Business Chamber

Ms Megan Morris – Qantas.

Cr Ross Fowler OAM – Mayor, Penrith City Council

Mr Nick Hudson – Senior Advisor for Infrastructure, Office of the Hon Paul Fletcher MP

Mr Tim Poole – Chief Operating Officer, Western Parkland City Authority