

# Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (AACC) MINUTES



**Date:** 17 February 2022

**Starting time:** 9:00am

**Location:** Microsoft Teams

## 1.0 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 0900 hrs. and welcomed those present.

A reminder was provided to all members that the correspondence distributed to the Committee is confidential until voted by the Committee to be accepted at the following meeting.

| <b>Present</b>         | <b>Company/Organisation</b>                      |
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| Brenton Burman – Chair | AECOM  |
| Brenton Cox            | Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)                   |
| Kym Meys               | Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)                   |
| Matthew Eygenraam      | Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)                   |
| Jamie Sangster         | Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)                   |
| Alicia Bickmore        | Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)                   |
| Brett Eaton            | Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)                   |
| Walter dollman         | North Adelaide Residents Society                 |
| Karryne Johnson        | The Department of Infrastructure                 |
| Nik Wahi               | The Department of Infrastructure                 |
| Anna Rynne             | The Department of Infrastructure                 |
| Stuart Richter         | Toll   |
| Gerard Mears           | Airservices Australia (ASA)                      |
| Tim Gill               | Airservices Australia (ASA)                      |
| Evan Knapp             | South Australian Freight Council (SAFC)          |
| Garth Palmer           | West Beach Resident Alliance                     |
| Robert Owen            | Netley Residents Association                     |
| Michael Coxon          | City of West Torrens                             |
| Mike Wilde             | Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) |
| Allan Sommerville      | Qantas   |
| Phillip Martin         | City of Adelaide                                 |
| Elena Tiera            | Office of Steve Georganas                        |

| <b>Apologies</b> | <b>Company/Organisation</b> |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Terry Buss       | City of West Torrens        |

## 2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19 November 2021

Proposed – Evan Knapp and Seconded Tim Gill that the minutes of the 19 November 2021 meeting be adopted – Carried.

## 3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

### 3.1 Correspondence In:

- Apologies
- Reports

### 3.2 Correspondence Out:

- Previous Minutes, Agenda and Reports.

### 4.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS –

### 5.0 AIRPORT UPDATE

**5.1 Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) Report** – The Report was tabled and the following was noted: The South Australian domestic border opened on 23 November 2021. The Airport was expecting a steady increase of passenger traffic but this was impacted by a number of COVID travel testing requirements that remained in place due to the Omicron variant and spike in cases. Domestic traffic is approx. 50% up for the end of January compared to last Financial Year but is still down approx. 57% pre COVID numbers, but the Airport hopes to see passenger traffic increase prior to Easter.

International borders did re-open for fully vaccinated residents and citizens in November 2021, however most of the states and territories (including South Australia) continued to require a duration of quarantine for arrivals. but quarantine was still required. Due to the quarantine requirements, only a limited number of international flights operated during this time and resulted in minimal international traffic compared with the same corresponding period in FY19. International passenger traffic is down by 93%. The Border to international travellers re-opens on Monday 21 February for fully vaccinated passengers. Currently international flights operating include Qatar and Singapore Airlines and a seasonal service from Qantas which flies to Delhi. Malaysia Airlines are also operating some ad hoc flights. The Adelaide Airport terminal is ready for international passengers following completion of the major construction of the Terminal Expansion Project (TEx).

AAL's Aviation Business Development Team is working hard to introduce new routes which could include Jetstar to Bali in April, followed by some New Zealand services with Air New Zealand in July. It was noted that Qatar Airways will be hubbing through to Auckland next month. The Airport encourages everyone to consider travelling again with it safe to do so.

It was noted that at the end of September 2022, South Australia is welcoming the CAPA Centre of Aviation conference which is a significant conference co-sponsored by AAL and the South Australian Tourism Commission, which will bring a number of airlines, airports and travel delegates to the State.

**5.2 Property and Development and Land Use Report** – The Report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: The TEx project received practical completion in November 2021 and the project team was thanked for their hard work. It was noted that some vacant retail space remains in the Terminal and that passenger numbers would need to increase before handover could be taken on these sites, which will hopefully happen over the next 6 months.

It was noted that Vickers Vimy aircraft is being dismantled which is a delicate task and very complex and has gained lots of community and media interest.

Handover of a site on James Melrose Road was noted with the developer well progressed with their construction with anew facility for Bluescope Steel.

AAL has continued to progress commercial negotiations with relevant parties to develop and occupy two parcels of land off Transport Avenue. Handover of one of the sites to the developer has occurred. AAL are in the early stages of a Master Planning exercise on the Airport East – West of Drain. It was noted work is commencing soon on a site at the corner of Tapley's Hill Road and West Beach Road which is a commercial facility.

A Committee member noted that the map included with the Property report was a great addition.

**5.3 Environment Report** – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following noted: The Airport has a new Sustainability Manager, Tim Davis.

**5.4 Adelaide Airport Technical Working Group (AATWG)** – A number of items were discussed which included the Toll Dispensation requirements, runway closures which are likely to occur at the end of March but won't affect the main runway, emergency helicopters and the proposed Buckland Park development.

## **6.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE REPORTS**

**6.1 Department of Infrastructure** – The Government have released an Aviation Recovery Framework which has 6 priorities:

- Adjusting Regulatory Investment Settings
- Building a Core Workforce with Skills for the Future
- Adopting and Intergrading emerging Aviation Technology
- Modernising Regulation
- Highlighting the Important Role of General Aviation
- Providing Targeted Support for the Regional Aviation Industry

The Department is seeking feedback on the Sunsetting Regulations stage 1A - Ownership of Airports, leasing and subleasing and clarifying and simplifying the language.

It was noted that the Major Development Plan threshold currently remains at \$25 million as noted in the Act.

The National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group reviewed the NASF Implementation Review and future work arising from the Implementation Review Recommendations. These documents have now been endorsed and are available to the public. NASAG will now incorporate work from the Recommendations into its future Forward Work Plan, which currently includes reviews of Guideline B (windshear) – in progress, Guideline C (wildlife hazard management) – to commence in 2022 and Guideline D (wind farms) to commence in 2022-23.

The Australian Government has committed \$130.5m over 3 years to investigate the contamination of PFAS at Australian Airports. 14 Airports have been offered to participate in the program including Adelaide Airport and a Memorandum of Understanding is being finalised between the parties.

**6.2 State Department of Infrastructure and Transport Report** – The North-South Corridor project has had some significant milestones, including the reference design release in November. The announcement of the City Shaping deal was noted. It was noted that the Commonwealth has committed to fund the balance of the project.

**6.3 AirServices Australia (ASA) Report** – It was noted that prior to Christmas, movement numbers increased but dropped off very quickly due to the Omicron variant and increased rate in covid cases.

It was noted that helicopter noise complaints have increased. At the beginning of December, the emergency services operator had to change helicopters to a twin engine helicopter at the request of CASA due to regulations.

It was noted that 37 complaints were received from different suburbs but only 7 of these had more than 1 complainant. It was noted that the low flying fruit fly operations could explain the spike in the number of different suburbs experiencing noise. The other two main issues were emergency services and other permitted curfew movements.

The Year in review showed 105 individual complainants which is an increase from 64 individual complainants in 2020. It was noted that movement numbers had increased in 2021 compared to 2020. The two main issues were curfew and night operations and helicopter operations.

A Committee member asked if any work had been undertaken on the Modernisation of the Airspace Architecture for Adelaide (similar to Perth, Melbourne and Brisbane) by deploying RMP. It was noted this item will be added to the Technical Working Group agenda for the next meeting.

Airservices Aircraft Noise Information Reports for Adelaide are available [here](#).

It was noted that there are several ways to lodge a complaint or make an enquiry about aircraft noise or operations with AirServices Noise Complaints and Information Service (NCIS).

- directly via WebTrak
- using AirServices' online form
- by calling 1800 802 584 (freecall) (Due to COVID-19 this number isn't available)  
The hotline is staffed Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, from 9 am-5 pm Sydney time
- by fax (02) 9556 6641; or
- by mail – Noise Complaints and Information Service PO Box 211, Mascot NSW 1460

**6.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report** – Nothing to report to Committee.

**6.5 Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) – Review of Adelaide Airspace** – no report.

## **7.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**7.1 Planning Co-ordination Forum Report (PCF)** – The report was tabled and taken as read.

**7.2 City of West Torrens (CWT)** – The Report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: A Committee member thanked the CWT for the quality of the report submitted.

**7.3 City of Holdfast Bay** – No report.

**7.4 City of Adelaide** – Nothing to report to Committee.

**7.5 City of Charles Sturt** – Nothing to report to Committee.

**7.6 West Beach Parks Report** – Nothing to report to Committee.

**7.7 Town of Walkerville Report** – Nothing to report to Committee.

## **8 NEW/ OTHER BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Consideration: Dispensation for additional LNHF movements (above the permitted quota) - 7 May to 30 Dec 2022**

The Department has had a request from Toll in relation to issuing a dispensation for some additional Low Noise Heavy Freight operations at Adelaide, above the allocated maximum permitted weekly movements. The Department provided additional movements to Toll for a portion of the last quarter – as set out in the quarterly report. The Department notified AACC by email prior to granting this.

The request the Department has received indicated that the circumstances for the request were in relation to unprecedented demand for urgent air services for time critical surgical freight, radioactive isotopes for cancer treatments, blood samples, Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) and fresh food supplies. The Regular Public Transport (RPT) network continues to be sporadic and unreliable for Toll IPEC

to provide consistent services for Governments and communities across Australia.

Toll has now sought provision of additional movements for 7 February to 29 April 2022. The Department has issued a dispensation to cover the February to April timeframe requested.

Toll has also requested consideration for a dispensation to cover 7 May to 30 December 2022. It was noted that the Committee considered this request and had no further comments.

Toll noted in the past that they have tried to rely on other commercial passenger services for this freight, but due to COVID they have become very unreliable. It was noted that all avenues of transport have been heavily impact by COVID and are struggling at this time and a dispensation makes sense for the time period proposed. -

A question was asked about the timing of the freight flights and if these would be after 11pm. It was noted that ASA will monitor these flights and any associated noise complaints.

## **8.2 Terms of Reference update**

The Terms of Reference were sent to members for comment. No changes to the current Terms of Reference were noted.

## **8.3 Airborne Gravity Survey – Geoscience Australia**

It was noted that the survey raised noise concerns in WA as aircraft were flying low over areas which don't normally have aircraft noise. It was noted once the survey commences in South Australia, an awareness campaign should be undertaken similar to the fruit fly program.

## **8.4 Proposed Buckland Park Development**

The TWG have been reviewing this item in detail. It was noted a letter has been drafted to send to the City of Playford and the Walker Corporation who are undertaking the development regarding the new suburb development as lots of noise will be experienced from Adelaide, Parafield and Edinburgh airports.

## **8.5 Community Representatives**

It was noted that the west of drain at Airport East experienced some flooding a number of years ago from Keswick Creek. It was noted that through consultation with NRM, SA Water have agreed to clear out the drain from the trash collect point to reduce the flooding risk.

## **8.6 Chair/ Committee Feedback**

The Chair asked for feedback from members around how they would like to see meetings run as he is new to the role and welcomed any improvements or suggestions.

It was noted a farewell dinner for the previous Chair will be held in the near future with a date to be confirmed.

## **8.7 Other**

A Committee member asked if a detailed report on helicopter noise and flight paths could be produced for the West Beach area. It was noted that most of the noise in West Beach noted in the Curfew period was from emergency operations.

## **9.0 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS**

## **10.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

## **11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 19 May at 9am.