

Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (AACC) MINUTES



Date: 18 August 2022

Starting time: 9:00am

Location: Atura Hotel, Adelaide Airport

1.0 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.00am and welcomed those present acknowledging the traditional custodians, and then proceeded with the business set out in the Agenda.

Present	Company/Organisation
Brenton BURMAN – Chair	AECOM
Matt COWDREY	Member for Colton
Brenton COX	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Michael COXON	City of West Torrens
Brett EATON	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Matthew FISHER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Tom GANLEY	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Tim GILL (<i>by teleconference</i>)	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Kate GRAY	The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)
Mark HENNESSY	Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Taylor HICK	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Iliia HOURIDIS *	City Shaping - City of Adelaide
Peter INALL	DITRDCA
Phillip MARTIN	City of Adelaide
Maddie MOUSTAKOS	Office of Steve Georganas
Graham NITSCHKE	South Road Inner West Action Group (SRIWAG)
Robert OWEN	Netley Residents Association
Adam REED	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Jamie SANGSTER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
John SMEDLEY	City of Holdfast Bay
Nik WAHI	DITRDCA
Jonathan WILSON	South Australian Freight Council (SAFC)
Present For Part of Meeting	
Sam WYLD	Babcock Mission Critical Services Australasia Pty Ltd
Kate RAYMOND	State Rescue Helicopter Service (SRHS)
Shane JOHNSON	SA Police (SAPOL)

Apologies	Company/Organisation
MaryLou BISHOP	City of Walkerville
Walter DOLLMAN	North Adelaide Residents Society
Steve GEORGANAS	Federal Member for Adelaide
Steve GEORGIU	Virgin Australia
Lucy HOOD	Member for Adelaide
Kym MEYS	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Barry SALTER	Holdfast Bay Residents Alliance
Alan SOMMERVILLE	Qantas
Jayne STINSON	Member for Badcoe
Amanda WILSON	City of Holdfast Bay

* Denotes new member

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19 May 2022

Proposed – Robert Owen and Seconded John Smedley that the minutes of the 19 May 2022 meeting be adopted – Carried.

3.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Monitor complaints relating to additional Toll flights – Airservices

Actioned. Refer to item 7.3 Airservices Update.

3.2 Breakdown of Emergency Helicopter Medical flights against SAPOL flights to be provided – Airservices / (DITRDCA)

Actioned. Refer to item 7.3 Airservices Update and Emergency Services presentation.

3.3 Extend invite to emergency services representatives to attend the next Committee meeting

Actioned. Refer to item 5.1.

3.4 Finalise and send letters regarding Buckland Park development

The Chair advised that letters had been sent on behalf of both the Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (AACC) and the Parafield Airport Consultative Committee (PACC) to Walker Corporation (the site developers) and to the City of Playford Council. The correspondence outlined the concerns of the Committee members that the development overlays do not incorporate aviation noise overlays. A detailed response was received from Walker Corporation which in summary noted that their work indicated no issues.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence In:

- Apologies
- Reports
- Letter of response from Walker Corporation regarding Buckland Park
- Letter from City of West Torrens requesting regarding Jayco Development, West Beach Road

4.2 Correspondence Out:

- Previous Minutes, Agenda and Reports
- Letters regarding Buckland Park as detailed in item 3.4
- Letter of response to City of West Torrens regarding Jayco Development and attendance at Public Information Session

5.0 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Emergency Services Representatives

Kate Raymond (SRHS) thanked Committee members for the opportunity to attend and introduced Sam Wyld (Babcock Mission Critical Services Australasia Pty Ltd) and Shane Johnson (SAPOL).

The State Rescue Helicopter provides a critical service to South Australians. The service is only used in exceptional situations where there is a genuine need for helicopter assistance or where there is a threat to public or personal safety. Senior managers monitor calls and make the assessment as to whether the service is required.

An overview of SAPOL activities was provided to the Committee noting that the majority of flights are for the SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) representing 70% of flights versus SAPOL representing 30% of flights.

There have been no significant changes to operations but the change in aircraft type with the introduction of the new SAPOL twin-engine helicopter would account for the significant increase in noise complaints.

Committee members acknowledged the critical work undertaken by SRHS but did raise some further questions on the flight paths used as well as the speed and height of approach and departure of the helicopters to aid their understanding and ability to respond to residents' queries. SRHS advised that two paths (one being preferred and used more regularly) are used for access to the Royal Adelaide Hospital so noise is funnelled into these same areas.

A suggestion was put forward and endorsed by the Committee that SRHS engagement to inform and educate local residents of the SRHS and its operations may reduce the number of complaints received. SRHS agreed to raise this with their Executive and report back to the Committee.

In regard to training, there has been a slight increase in training activities due to the inability to undertake the training overseas which was common pre pandemic.

The Committee thanked the emergency services representatives for their attendance and they left the meeting at 9.49am.

6.0 AIRPORT UPDATE

6.1 Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) Report – The Report was tabled and the following was noted: More than 4 million passengers travelled through Adelaide Airport during the full 2021/22 Financial Year, 35.5% more than last year and almost 50% of pre-COVID-19 passenger volumes despite the significant restrictions placed upon travel in the first half of the financial year.

Almost 1.7 million passengers travelled domestically in the June 2022 quarter recovering to almost 93% of pre-COVID levels. Domestic travel confidence and demand has been strong since the Easter school holidays and has built throughout the quarter.

International passenger levels grew to 31% of pre-COVID volumes for the quarter and demand has continued to accelerate into the first week of July, with the resumption of Fiji Airways services to Nadi, Air New Zealand's recommencement of flights to Auckland and Qatar Airways' increase in frequencies from three to five times weekly.

6.2 Property and Development and Land Use Report – The Report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted:

The Terminal Expansion continues to see an increase in retail activity with a number of new stores opening and an additional 10 sites to be handed over in the coming months.

The Vickers Vimy has now been successfully relocated to its new location in the Terminal Building. Works on other areas of the exhibition space are underway and it is anticipated that the Exhibition will be open to members of the public by the end of the year.

There continues to be strong interest for development opportunities on land around the airport precinct and the team are working on several projects.

An issue was raised by a Committee member in relation to basin flooding and maintenance of the section of Keswick Creek near the Airport East Development. AAL representative are to facilitate discussions with SA Water to ensure the required works are undertaken and responsibilities upheld.

6.3 Environment Report – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following noted: The Terminal and Carpark LED lighting upgrade is in the implementation stage.

Other sustainability initiatives being investigated include a Terminal solar building engineering assessment and progression of discussions to plan for a power purchase agreement of green power to significantly reduce its carbon footprint.

6.4 Adelaide Airport Technical Working Group (AATWG) – The group discussed a number of items including the increased number of noise complaints, runway closures and associated night works and ongoing management of these issues.

7.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE REPORTS

7.1 Department of Infrastructure – A verbal update was provided and the following was noted: Since the last meeting, the Federal Election was held and a new Government sworn in resulting in some changes within the Department including a name change to The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, a new Minister (The Hon. Catherine King MP) as well as some changes to internal leadership positions.

The Australian Government has committed to prepare an Aviation White Paper to set the scene for future growth and development across the aviation sector with four main focus areas:

- The economic reforms needed to improve productivity across the sector, including addressing skills shortages, competition between airports and airlines, and charting a course out of the pandemic;
- How to maximise the aviation sector's contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions, including through sustainable aviation fuel and emerging technologies;
- How to support and regenerate Australia's general aviation sector; and
- Better mechanisms for consultation on and management of issues like aircraft noise, airport development planning and changing security requirements.

The Department is working with Government to develop a detailed project plan and will continue to provide updates.

National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG) which comprises Commonwealth, State and Territory Government planning officials, the Department of Defence, CASA, Airservices Australia and the Australian Government Local Government Association met in Adelaide in June 2022. At this meeting the group received presentations on vertiports, plum rise risk and aviation safety around wind farms. The group also discussed the reviews of Guidelines B (Windshear), C (Wildlife Hazard Management) and D (Windfarms) as well as future actions arising from the NASF Implementation Review Recommendations. The next NASAG meeting will be held in Canberra in October 2022.

The Department continues to engage with stakeholders on the Sunsetting Regulations under the *Airports Act 1996*.

A per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) investigation program is underway to identify sources of contamination across airports and develop management plans to address offsite contamination as well monitoring and managing PFAS contamination at the source. A pilot program involving eight federally-leased airports including Adelaide and Parafield is underway with the main program roll-out expected to commence in late 2022.

7.2 State Department of Infrastructure and Transport Report – The North-South Corridor project remains in the project review stage following the change of State Government.

The annual Construction Sector Industry Briefing will be held on 31 August where South Australia's upcoming and future infrastructure projects will be discussed. The session is available online via the DIT website <https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/>.

7.3 Airservices Australia (ASA) Report – It was reported that air traffic movements are steadily increasing and an increase in the number of noise complaints was noted with 109 complaints from 81

individuals in the reporting period (May-July) tracking well above the three-year average. Complaints were received from 58 suburbs with 41 suburbs recording only a single complaint.

The recent runway closure and resulting re-direction of air traffic was the source of a number of complaints and as per the previous reporting period, the emergency services helicopter movements account for the majority of complaints.

Airservices will be rolling out 'Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood' later this year which is a fully interactive portal for the community to access information and resources about how air traffic is managed and submit complaints via the portal. Committee members are encouraged to have a look at the Portal which is in operation in other states and provide any feedback to Airservices.

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

7.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report – No report.

8.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

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

8.2 City of West Torrens (CWT) – The Report was tabled and taken as read. Mayor Coxon commended the collaborative and transparent relationship between AAL and CWT acknowledging the AAL representatives that had recently attended local community sessions including the Netley Neighbourhood Watch meeting and a Council Public Information Session.

8.3 City of Holdfast Bay – No report.

8.4 City of Adelaide – No report.

8.5 City of Charles Sturt – No report

8.6 West Beach Parks Report – No report

8.7 Town of Walkerville Report – No report

9.0 NEW / OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Updates from Community Representatives – It was noted that the North-South corridor project is under review and SRIWAG are awaiting further communication from government.

10.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

10.1 SRHS to consider community engagement opportunities and report back to the Committee.

10.2 AAL to facilitate discussions with SA Water to ensure the required maintenance works are undertaken in the section of Keswick Creek near the Airport East Development.

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8 November at 4.00pm.

Meeting Closed at 10:37am