

Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (AACC) MINUTES



Date: 8 November 2022

Starting time: 4:00pm

Location: Atura Hotel, Adelaide Airport

1.0 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 4.00pm 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
Walter DOLLMAN	North Adelaide Residents Society
Brett EATON	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Matthew FISHER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Tom GANLEY	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Tim GILL	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Mark HENNESSY <i>(by teleconference)</i>	Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Taylor HICK	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Iliia HOURIDIS	City Shaping - City of Adelaide
Peter INALL <i>(by teleconference)</i>	DITRDCA
Phillip MARTIN	City of Adelaide
Kym MEYS <i>(by teleconference)</i>	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Graham NITSCHKE	South Road Inner West Action Group (SRIWAG)
Robert OWEN	Netley Residents Association
Adam REED	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Barry SALTER <i>(by teleconference)</i>	Holdfast Bay Residents Alliance
Jamie SANGSTER <i>(by teleconference)</i>	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Jayne STINSON	Member for Badcoe
Jonathan WILSON	South Australian Freight Council (SAFC)

Apologies	Company/Organisation
Terry BUSS	City of West Torrens Council
Steve GEORGANAS	Federal Member for Adelaide
Stephen PATTERSON	Member for Morphett

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 18 August 2022

Proposed – Robert Owen and Seconded Graham Nitschke that the minutes of the 18 August 2022 meeting be adopted – Carried.

3.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

3.1 The State Rescue Helicopter Service (SRHS) to consider community engagement opportunities and report back to the Committee.

The SRHS has advised that this matter will be raised at their Executive meeting and an update will be provided.

3.2 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.

AAL has discussed maintenance procedures of the Keswick Creek/Watson Ave retention basin with both SA Water and Green Adelaide. AAL will continue to engage with both parties on these works.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence In:

- Apologies
- Reports

4.2 Correspondence Out:

- Previous Minutes, Agenda and Reports

5.0 AIRPORT UPDATE

5.1 Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) Report – The Report was tabled and the following was noted: More than 1.8 million passengers travelled through Adelaide Airport during the first quarter of the 2022/23 financial year, with overall traffic recovering to 86% of pre-COVID levels.

International traffic for the quarter was almost 132,000 passengers, 49% of pre-COVID volumes for the same period 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.

Domestically, more than 1.7 million passengers travelled for the quarter, returning to almost 92% of pre-COVID levels. Leisure demand was boosted by school holiday traffic noting QantasLink commenced a twice weekly service to Albury, offering South Australians a non-stop service to the Snowy Mountains gateway.

5.2 Property Development Report – The Report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted:

A number of new stores have opened as part of the Terminal Expansion including This Little Piggy, Travelex, Duty Free Arrivals and McDonalds. Additional fit outs are underway with further sites to be handed over in the coming months.

Developments for Bluescope and FedEx are well progressed with practical completion and handover of these sites scheduled for November.

A Committee member advised he had received some complaints relating to the security screening delays and questioned how this issue is being addressed. The issue was acknowledged noting that for the vast majority of the time, the wait is within 10 minutes but during a number of peak periods and days that this has extended to nearly an hour in the worst examples. AAL and our security provider Certis are not satisfied with the current service levels and are working to resolve this. This is an industry wide, national and global problem where the workforce is being re-built post COVID (noting many international operators like Certis, AAL's security provider, did not receive Jobkeeper). AAL will be delivering increased security capacity prior to Christmas to provide some relief, however, there are also regulatory requirements that require the roll out of enhanced security equipment that will create transition impacts to service quality for some time.

5.3 Environment Report – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following noted: Community outreach during the quarter included attendance at the Friends of Patawalonga working bees and a presentation to the Netley Neighbourhood Watch group. Discussions have also continued with SA Water and Green Adelaide regarding the Keswick Creek/Watson Ave retention basin where residents have a concern over the potential impact of flooding due to the debris build up in the basin.

The Committee agreed that a letter be sent to SA Water, copied also to Green Adelaide, requesting an update from them on the silt removal to the section of Keswick Creek. West Torrens Council are supportive of this approach and will also communicate with SA Water to attempt to rectify the situation.

5.4 Adelaide Airport Technical Working Group (AATWG) – The group discussed a number of items including the increased number of dispensations, runway and taxiway upgrades and associated noise issues and the proposed development of a new Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

6.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE REPORTS

6.1 Department of Infrastructure – A verbal update was provided and the following was noted: The Federal Budget was handed down on Tuesday 25 October. Of note in the Budget was an allocation of \$7 million for the Aviation White Paper to set the scene for future growth and development across the aviation sector. There are 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 continuing to work with Government to develop a detailed project plan.

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 Canberra in October 2022. At this meeting the group received a presentation on the United Kingdom’s new approach to applying Public Safety Areas at airports, CASA gave an update on work in the Advanced Air Mobility and vertiports space, and the Department of Defence provided information on a recent off-airport land use planning decision to approve new residential development in an aircraft noise affected area near Williamtown (Newcastle) Airport in NSW. The Guideline C (wildlife) review has commenced, with an Issues Paper to go out to targeted consultation shortly.

Future Guideline reviews and work on the NASF Implementation Review Recommendations will continue to be progressed through NASAG’s 3-year Forward Work Plan. The next NASAG meeting will be held in late April 2023 in Brisbane.

The Department continues to engage with stakeholders on the Sunsetting Regulations under the *Airports Act 1996* with further information available via the Department’s website <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say>.

Preliminary per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) site investigations are currently underway with draft reports currently with the Department for review. Investigations at Adelaide and Parafield airports will continue under the main program from early 2023.

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

6.3 Airservices Australia (ASA) Report – It was reported that a large proportion of the complaints received in the reporting period (August-October) were received in August and were associated with the use of the cross runway. 102 complaints from 78 individuals were received from 54 suburbs with 46 suburbs recording only a single complaint.

Airservices are working on a fact sheet to be distributed to community groups and via social media channels to raise awareness of aviation activity and any changes that residents may be exposed to. All

noise complains should be directed to Airservices in the first instance to enable management and monitoring of complains through a central portal.

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

6.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report – 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 noting that the next Parafield Airport Master Plan is due by 18 June 2024. Internal planning meetings continue, and public consultation will commence in 2023.

7.2 City of West Torrens (CWT) – The Report was tabled and taken as read.

7.3 City of Holdfast Bay – No report

7.4 City of Adelaide – The Report was tabled and the following was noted:
A “New Women’s and Children’s Hospital Bill” was introduced to the Legislative Council of the SA Parliament in October 2022 to facilitate the development of the new Women’s and Children’s Hospital. The report highlights the potential removal of the referral requirement associated with the “Bill” and some issues such as airspace protection and flight path interactions were raised by Committee members.

7.5 City of Charles Sturt – No report

7.6 West Beach Parks Report – No report

7.7 Town of Walkerville Report – No report

8.0 NEW / OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Updates from Community Representatives – It was noted that the Holdfast Bay Residents Alliance organised a “Meet the Candidates” event in the run up to the Federal election in May. They are holding their next meeting with State members of Parliament and newly elected councillors for the City of Holdfast Bay when the focus will be on the new strategic plan for Brighton Road and policing in Glenelg.

The Vickers Vimy exhibition at Adelaide Airport will officially open on 16 December and will be open to the public from 17 December onwards.

Flight activity will be suspended for Remembrance Day on 11 November at 11.00am at Adelaide and Parafield Airports and a commemoration service will be held at Parafield.

8.2 Proposed Meeting Dates: 2023 – The meeting dates were noted and invites will be circulated.

9.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

9.1 AAL to send a letter to SA Water (copy to Green Adelaide and West Torrens Council) requesting an update from them on the silt removal to the section of Keswick Creek.

9.2 West Torrens Council to communicate with SA Water regarding the Keswick Creek basin.

9.3 Airservices to distribute fact sheet to Committee members when finalised.

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16 February at 9.00am.

With the upcoming local council elections and possibility of some new Committee members, it was agreed that a welcome/briefing session will be scheduled prior to the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 5:19pm