

Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (AACC) MINUTES



Date: 25 May 2023

Starting time: 9:00am

Location: Coorong Room, Adelaide Airport Management Centre

1.0 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.03am 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	Independent Chair
Edgar AGIUS	City of Charles Sturt
Alicia BICKMORE	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Helen BRAITHWAITE	Green Adelaide-Department for Environment and Water
Jordan BRIDGE	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Brenton COX	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Michael COXON	City of West Torrens
Brett EATON	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Kym MEYS	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Tim GILL (<i>by teleconference</i>)	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Delphine NG	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Neema LAWRENCE	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Mark HENNESSY (<i>by teleconference</i>)	Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Jonathan WILSON	South Australian Freight Council (SAFC)
Phillip MARTIN	City of Adelaide
Graham NITSCHKE	South Road Inner West Action Group (SRIWAG)
Robert OWEN	Netley Residents Association
Daniel PRICE	Qantas
Adam REED	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Jamie SANGSTER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Matthew FISHER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Steve Georgiou (<i>by teleconference</i>)	Virgin Australia

Apologies	Company/Organisation
Stephen PATTERSON	Member for Morphett
Jayne STINSON	Member for Badcoe
Ilia HOURIDIS	City Shaping - City of Adelaide
Kate ANDERSON	West Beach Parks
Jan GOODHEW	ANO
Clare LINDOP	City of Holdfast Bay
Terry BUSS	City of West Torrens
Tom GANLEY	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Elena TIERI	Office of Steve Georganas
Matt COWDREY	Member for Colton
Peter INALL	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)
Paul ARGENT	DITRDCA

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 23 FEBRUARY 2023

The Terms of Reference have recently been updated and included a change to the minute procedure. The draft minutes are now emailed to members within two weeks of the meeting. The Minutes were approved on 24 March 2023 and loaded onto the Airport's website. This process was reconfirmed at the meeting and Robert Owen and Graham Nitschke confirmed that the minutes of the 23 February 2023 meeting be adopted – Carried.

3.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Historical data on wildlife strikes to be provided in future AAL Environment reports

This data is now available in the AAL Environment reports.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence In:

- Apologies
- Reports
- Email from Committee member regarding historical aircraft emissions study (please refer item 5.3)

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: The third quarter of the 2023 Financial Year saw almost 2 million passengers travel through Adelaide Airport, returning to 93% of pre-COVID volumes. Travel demand across all travel segments has remained strong, aided by increased international capacity and numerous Adelaide based events driving an increase in travel which included Mad March and a number of festivals and other events in Adelaide.

A new international carrier, Batik Air has been announced, and it was noted Singapore Airlines will be growing from daily flights to 11 per week return flights at the end of the year. The hard work of the Airport's Aviation Business Development team was noted.

It is with sadness that the Committee noted the passing of a long-standing Committee member, Garth Palmer. Garth most recently represented the West Beach Residents Alliance at the Committee but was a Councillor at the City of West Torrens for 43 years prior. The Committee passed on its condolences to Garth's family and acknowledged the significant role Garth had played in the local community.

5.2 Property Development Report – The Report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: It was noted that following completion of the Terminal Expansion project it was discovered that there was a gap which was allowing birds to enter the undercroft of the Plaza, a barrier will be installed to deter the birds.

It was noted that numerous smaller projects will be undertaken to provide a visual upgrade to the international areas of the terminal which weren't included in the scope of the Terminal Expansion Project.

5.3 Environment Report – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following noted: DITRDCA concluded their PFAS preliminary site investigations at Adelaide Airport (which commenced August 2022). Draft reports for this work have now been provided to AAL, with feedback sent back to DITRDCA prior to finalisation.

Airservices have completed their Detailed Site Investigation works to expand the level of detail around known PFAS source sites at Adelaide Airport. This work was presented to AAL by Airservices' consultant (GHD), outlining additional sample results including extension surface water and sediment sampling undertaken. Some sampling was undertaken along Brown Hill Creek and Keswick Creek drains and PFAS levels detected, with this information passed onto SA Water and Green Adelaide for future planning. It was noted that the South Australian Environmental Protection Authority (SA EPA) had recently approved a waste disposal site for PFAS located approximately 80km out from Adelaide. It was noted the PFAS Project Control Group will reconvene to discuss the results and it will be requested that Airservices and DITRDCA will attend a future meeting to provide an update on the results.

Consultation feedback had been provided by AAL to the Commonwealth regarding the second round of consultation on proposed changes to Airports Environment Officer charging structure. Further discussion regarding the proposed changes is ongoing.

Routine sampling and environmental assessment continues to be undertaken with groundwater reports received from the prior quarter, as well as the first Vickers Vimy assessments undertaken in the new exhibition space. Results for Development Ready site assessments were also received during the quarter, with assessment work ongoing.

In relation to a query raised by a Committee member around previous air quality assessments undertaken, it was noted that an air assessment desktop study was undertaken in 2018 by University of Adelaide which concluded that it was too difficult to decipher the various sources of emissions e.g bush fire, traffic, aircraft etc. An additional scope of work was discussed, which was also reviewed by a third party consultant, and it was determined that it would be difficult to determine the source of emissions. It was noted that the report had used data from air quality sensors that the SA EPA install and maintain. It was noted that the Airport are working on an Air Quality Management Plan.

AAL organised a Corporate Clean Up Australia Day Event which was undertaken at the start of the quarter, focusing on public areas around the boundary of the airport and areas of West Richmond. Friends of Patawalonga working bees were held monthly throughout the quarter.

Adelaide Airport again experienced a small volume of complaints relating to Airport Curfews and flight paths at both AAL and PAL, with complainants consulted with directly.

Planning for the Netley Noise attenuation wall on Beare Ave continues, with a contractor engaged to undertake the work and works scheduled to begin in June. A letter will be sent out to residents directly adjacent to the work area. A letter was also sent to residents around the Jayco site to provide an update on the project.

It was noted wildlife numbers have dropped since the last quarter and the average is now included in the report.

5.4 Adelaide Airport Technical Working Group (AATWG) – The group discussed a number of items including the Adelaide Airport Curfew guide provided by the Department. It was noted the document would be useful for public access and the Committee will work with DITRDCA on making this possible. No runway closures were noted in the near future.

6.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE REPORTS

6.1 DITRDCA – The report was tabled and the following was noted: A Committee member queried the two late arrival flights (post-midnight) that were approved as dispensations. It was noted that each dispensation request undertakes several different criteria before they are approved especially when arriving past midnight. A Committee member asked if DITRDCA could provide some further detail in relation the assessment criteria which are used for flights which are past midnight. It was noted that this would be raised with DITRDCA.

6.2 State Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Report – A verbal update was provided, and the following was noted: The Australian Government's Budget announced Audits of all Infrastructure Investment projects Australia wide. This is a 90 day process. All DIT projects are included in the audit process. The Department is not expecting any project changes following the audit. All projects remain in the planning and tender preparation phase (ie North South Corridor, Marion Road/Sir Donald Bradman Drive intersection, and Marion Road (Cross Road to Anzac Highway plus Tram grade separation) and Morphett Road/ Anzac Highway intersection plus Tram grade separation.

6.3 Airservices Australia (ASA) Report – It was noted that 44 individual complainants were received in the last quarter. The main issues of the complaints related to helicopter emergency service movements, standard flight path movements, night emergency service movements and curfew movements which included emergency services and permitted movements.

Committee members were encouraged to access 'Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood' which is an interactive portal for the community to access information and resources about how air traffic is managed and submit complaints via the portal. [AsA National Insightfull \(airservicesaustralia.com\)](http://AsA.National.Insightfull(airservicesaustralia.com))

6.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report – No report.

7.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

7.1 Planning Co-ordination Forum Report (PCF) – A verbal update was provided and noted that nothing out of the ordinary was discussed at the Forum.

7.2 City of West Torrens (CWT) – The Report was tabled and the following was noted: The Council has a quarterly publication called 'Talking Points' and suggested that information could be provided to the community through this publication, such as including a fact sheet about the Main Runway and Taxiway Overlay Project.

7.3 City of Holdfast Bay – No report.

7.4 City of Adelaide – The Council is involved in dealing with a number of debt issues. The Council has changed policy direction in relation to housing and provision of housing within the City. The Council will be pursuing housing construction projects over the coming years, jointly with the State Government. A multi-storey development is proposed on the Franklin Street Bus Station site which will provide housing for 400 residents and includes a mixture of open market housing, affordable housing, social housing and rentals.

7.5 City of Charles Sturt – No report.

7.6 West Beach Parks Report – No report.

8.0 NEW / OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Updates from Community Representatives – A question was asked about the River Torrens to Darlington project and how it interconnects with the Airport. It was noted that the Airport regularly engages with DIT. More information can be found here <https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/nsc/torrens-to-darlington>.

It was noted that sampling of the Keswick Creek drain will be undertaken by SA Water to work out next steps.

8.2 Historical aircraft emissions study – Please refer item 5.3 for an update.

8.3 Main Runway and Taxiway Overlay Project (MRTOP) Update – A presentation was provided on this upcoming project. The scope of this project includes removal of the top layer of the taxiway, 300,000 m² of pavement works, replacement of 152 airfield lights with newer generation more energy efficient LED fittings and grooving of the runway surface.

Construction is likely to commence in September/ October 2023, with project completion by mid-late 2024.

A number of main runway closures will take place during this project. During Main Runway works aircraft during curfew will be required to land on the cross runway. These movements are limited to aircraft that currently operate during the curfew, they will just be using the alternate runway. It was noted that as a result of the change in runway, aircraft noise might be experienced in areas which don't normally have noise. The project team are currently working through understanding the impacts of the runway closures. It is expected that areas to the southeast and northwest of the airport may notice additional aircraft noise overnight due to use of the cross runway while the main runway is closed.

Construction noise for communities immediately adjacent the airport boundary and increased vehicle movements along Richmond Road was a focus with the team currently working through understanding the impacts of the construction methodology, including access routes. It was noted that no batching plants will be on-site during this project. A Community Engagement Plan is under development, with Community information sessions to be organised prior to works commencing, along with Council briefings and community outreach through various communication channels. More information on the project can be found here - [Main Runway and Taxiways Overlay Project - Adelaide Airport](#).

8.4 West Beach Residents Alliance - It was noted that a new representative for the West Beach Residents Alliance would be investigated.

9.0 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS

10.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- 10.1** Adelaide Airport Curfew guide from the Department to be published on Airport's website
- 10.2** DITRDCA to provide more detail on criteria for dispensation cases of significant delay (after midnight).
- 10.3** A new representative of the West Beach Residents Alliance to be investigated

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17 August at 9.00am.

Meeting Closed at 10:09am