

Minutes – Essendon Fields Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG)

Meeting held Friday 9 December 2022, at 10:30am by videoconference

Members: , Rod Gurry (Representing Bill Shorten and Danny Pearson MP, Frank Manti (Community Representative), Brendan Pihan (EAPL), Colin Fort (EAPL) Cr.Narelle Sharpe. Frank Manti (Community Representative) Christine Campbell – Air Services

Invited Guests: Emilie Parrott (Infrastructure), Kim Wickramariyaratne (Infrastructure), Tim Gill (Airservices Australia), Christine Campbell (Airservices Australia).

1. Welcome – Brad Evans (Chair) welcomed the committee and attendees.

Apologies:

- i. Danny Pearson MP
- ii. Bill Shorten MP

2. Items arising from previous CACG minutes (9 September 2022)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

3. Noise

a) Airservices Update (attached)

4. Community Feedback/Concerns

CF noted that EAPL had received phone calls from residents who had difficulty making complaints to Air Services. TG noted he would provide a dedicated phone number for EAPL to provide to ease access to Air Services complaints line.

5. Jet Curfew (Infrastructure)

a) Current movements (July to October 2022)

Refer attached summary. Substantial increase in activity noted in relation to permitted propeller driven aircraft.

6. Aviation operations (EAPL)

a) EF aviation update

Colin Forte outlined a detailed airfield operations update.

Noted that we are being kept busy with off airport new development in relation to controlled activity approvals.

Safety Week activities were undertaken which were well received by tenants and staff.

Provided an updated in relation to pavement asset management.

The chinook firefighting aircraft will be placed on the airport this summer to deal with bushfire events.

7. Development Update (EAPL)

- a) Terminal Refurbishment Stage 3 “Bell Business Centre” – Underway with completion expected at the end of January.

8. EF Master Plan and Major Development Plan (MDP) matters (EAPL)

Extension of time to lodge the Masterplan with the Department of Infrastructure approved to allow the Master Plan to be lodged in January 2024 in response to the recent approval of the Melbourne Airport Master Plan. The basis being that the Melbourne Airports third runway will result in significant changes to the use of the Essendon Airport Runways.

EAPL to continue to digest the outcomes of this change in relation to our on-going operations and masterplan.

9. Department of Infrastructure Update

Kim provided an update of staffing changes at the Department which included:

- The Department is commencing a white paper under instruction from Minister King in relation to emissions across the aviation sector.
- Noted Christmas shutdown period.

WAPL We wish to thank the members of the CACG for their contribution over 2022 and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

Meeting Closed 11:00am

**Next meeting will be held Friday 10th March 2023 @ 11:00am by videoconference / in EF Office
Chair – Frank Manti)**