

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

Meeting held Friday 10 March 2023, at 10:30am by videoconference / Board Room

Members:

Rod Gurry (Representing Bill Shorten and Danny Pearson MP, Frank Manti (Community Representative), Brendan Pihan (EAPL), Colin Fort (EAPL), Brad Evans (EAPL) Cr.Narelle Sharpe. Frank Manti (Community Representative) Christine Campbell – Air Services Tim Gill (Airservices Australia), Daniel Schauries (Airservices Australia).

Invited Guests:

Christine Campbell (Airservices Australia) Warwick Wearing (Dept of Infrastructure)

1. Welcome

Brad Evans welcomed the committee and attendees to the initial CACG meeting for 2023.

Apologies for the meeting included:

- i. Danny Pearson MP
- ii. Bill Shorten MP
- iii. Cr. Narelle Sharp

Kim Wickramariyarante from the Department of Infrastructure has now moved on from EAPL to focus on the Melbourne Airport and Warwick Wearing (Senior Policy Officer) is now stepping in to represent the Department, welcome to the CACG Warwick.

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

3. Noise

Tim Gill from Airservices provided an update in relation to noise based complaints. Refer attached report.

4. Community Feedback/Concerns

EAPL noted that our website has been updated to provide direct links to the Air Services complaints line.

The Aviation Team has received some calls regarding rotary based noise complaints, most of which would be based on emergency services activity.

5. Jet Curfew (Infrastructure)

a) *Current movements (October to December 2022)*

.Substantial increase in activity noted in relation to permitted curfew movements (increased by some 100 movements over the period) Refer attached summary.

6. Aviation operations (EAPL)

a) EF aviation update

Colin Fort outlined a detailed airfield operations update.

- Pavement Works
 - *coms plan to AsA to alert them to the works through briefing note.*
 - *Tim Gill will upload it onto their web site and update the noise management team if they receive any calls.*
- Cousens fire bomber Chinook left this week.
 - *Debrief on the fire season with Coulson.*
- Lots of GA aircraft used Essendon airport to park for Avalon.
- Roulettes on site in support of GP.

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

Provided an updated in relation to pavement asset management which will result in a closure of the runway shortly once the works commence.

7. Development Update (EAPL)

BP provided a detailed update of planned new development across the airport which include a range of uses both aviation and non-aviation based including new hangar development, warehouse buildings and an indoor recreation facility.

8. EF Master Plan (Planning Matters)

Extension of time to lodge the Masterplan with the Department of Infrastructure has been approved. The Master Plan will now be lodged by January 2024. EAPL will likely go out to public consultation in September 2024.

9. Other Matters

EAPL noted a desire to explore a digital control tower to replace the existing air traffic controller which has reached the end of its useless life.

Meeting Closed 11:15am

Next meeting will be held Friday 9th June 2023 @ 11:00am by videoconference / in EF Office

Chair – Brad Evans) – (Please confirm if you will attend in the office or via Teams)