

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

Meeting held Friday 14 June 2024, at 11:00am by Videoconference

## Members:

Rod Gurry (Office of Bill Shorten MP), Bill Shorten MP, Danny Pearson MP, Frank Manti (Community Representative), Brendan Pihan (EAPL), Kathy Craig (EAPL), Matt Marais (EAPL), Brad Evans (EAPL) Cr.Narelle Sharpe (Moonee Valley Council), Frank Manti (Community Representative) Ben King – Airservices Tim Gill (Airservices Australia), May Li Foong (Airservices) Braden Hartcher (Dept of Infrastructure), Malgy Coman (Dept of Infrastructure), Neermala Cash (Dept of Infrastructure).

## Invited Guests:

Nil

## Apologies:

Matt Marais (EAPL) Bill Shorten, (MP), Danny Pearson, (MP), , Braden Hartcher (Dept of Infrastructure).

## 1. Welcome

Brad Evans welcomed the committee and attendees to the second Essendon Fields CACG meeting for 2024.

Apologies for the meeting included are noted above. John Nahyna attended on behalf of Matt Marais (EAPL) to provide the Aviation update.

## 2. Items arising from previous CACG minutes (15<sup>th</sup> March 2024)

The minutes from the previous meeting held 15 March 2024 were carried- no discussion,

## 3. Departmental Update

- Neermala noted that the Melbourne Airport M3R MDP remains under consideration with determination date yet unknown. Determination expected mid-2024.
- Neermala noted that the EF Master Plan has been extended until 29 January 2027 in response to the delayed M3R.

## 4. Noise

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

- Aircraft movements steadily rising over the 6 months
- A single outage was reported in Coolaroo for a period of 91 hours.
- Complaints 48 individual complaints from 50 contacts.
- 37 new complainants.
- 32 suburbs recorded a single complaint (down from 35 in last CACG).

Aircraft in your Neighbourhood – Provides a tool to review movements etc/ assess complainants by suburb etc.

- Aircraft Noise over East Melbourne remains an issue ongoing meetings held attended by EAPL / Airservices and Moorabbin Airport.

## 5. Community Feedback/Concerns

BE noted that EAPL had received some dust and soil based stockpiles complaints in relation to the civil works underway in the Hart Precinct from residents living on Lebanon Street to the sites north.

EAPL have worked with the contractors to implement a dust management plan and no recent complaints have been received likely a consequence of works now being largely complete. Communication has been undertaken weekly and EAPL will develop more improved ways to communicate news and updates with the community. Issues largely resolved at the time of this meeting with stockpiles re-shaped and sprayed with grass to prevent future amenity based issues.

EAPL to install signage on fences opposite homes to enable access to current and up to date information on the site's development works.

No other members noted any further community based concerns.

## 6. Jet Curfew (Infrastructure)

### ***Current movements (January to March 2024)***

The DITRDCA provided curfew movement data. Three (3) permitted helicopter (not including emergency aircraft) movements reported.

Other stats generally consistent with previous reporting period although minor increases noted.

## 7. Aviation operations (EAPL)

### ***EF aviation update***

John Nahyna outlined a detailed operations update.

- **Investment**
  - Airfield pavement, crack ceiling and drainage works.
  - FY25 – Continued crack ceiling and slab replacement.
  - Emergency Plan enacted 13/06 with a full emergency declared for a plane with landing gear fault at 12.40pm. Emergency Services called and on airport and plane landed safely with all vehicles departing the Airport at approx. 1.15pm.

## 8. Development Update (EAPL)

BE provided a detailed update of planned new development across the airport which included completion of the civil works underway in the Hart Precinct to facilitate the development of Modscape Warehouse now complete and awaiting final Airport Building Control approvals to commence use.

Dutton One car dealership at 274 Lionel Street is now operational and recently had opening launch.

Audi/Cupra construction underway with site early works underway which involve site excavation. Stockpiling of surplus soil.

New Warehouse proposed for acoustic manufacture Autex in the Hart Precinct underway. Application lodged with the ABC for approval.

## **9. EF Master Plan (Planning Matters)**

Extension of time to Masterplan with the Department of Infrastructure has been approved by Minister King with the Master Plan now due to be lodged by 29 January 2027.

### **Sensitive Land Use**

EAPL have written to Minister King requesting approval to prepare a Major Development Plan application for a sensitive use which is consistent with the Essendon Fields Master Plan. The use being social/community housing in the vacant residential off airport lots in Strathmore formally occupied by approach lighting.

EAPL awaits further advice from Minister King in relation to this matter.

**Meeting Closed 11:50am**

**Next meeting will be held 13 September 2024 @ 11:0am by videoconference / in EF Office (Chair – Brad Evans) – (Please confirm if you will attend in the office or via Teams)**