

Minutes – Essendon Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group

Meeting held Friday November 18, 2016 at 10.30 am @ Essendon Fields House

Members: Peter Khalil MP, Danny Pearson MP, Henry Bezuidenhout (proxy for MVCC), Frank Manti (Community Representative), Chris Cowan (EAPL), Graeme Ware (EAPL).

Invited Guests: Lance Turner (Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development), Russell McArthur (Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development), Chris Bren-Clarke (Airservices Australia), Ben King (Airservices Australia), Chris Jervis (Office of Peter Khalil MP), Rory Kennedy (EAPL).

- 1. Welcome – Graeme Ware (Chair)** the Chairperson welcomed the committee and attendees.

Apologies were received from Kevin Walsh (Community Representative)

- 2. Items arising from previous CACG minutes (September 9, 2016)**

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

EAPL to send a letter of thanks on behalf of the CACG to Kelvin Thomson for his contributions. A draft letter was agreed at the meeting, signed by Chris Cowan on behalf of the Group and provided to Peter Khalil to hand to Kelvin Thomson.

EAPL to meet with Frank Manti and Jan Chantry to discuss resident claims in further detail. Frank Manti to advise when he is available for a meeting.

Graeme Ware gave a brief update from the CACG Chairs forum held in Canberra. All federally-leased airports were represented except Sydney and Hobart. The importance of consultation was highlighted at the forum and contrasted with international examples where a lack of consultation has led to extreme numbers of noise complaints.

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development has completed its 2015 Review of Federally-Leased Airports' Consultative Arrangements and is requesting all Airports provide formal advice to the Department about their stakeholder engagement activities on an annual basis.

Stakeholder engagement advice from Airports to the Department is to be:

- Commensurate with the scale and scope of each airport
- For the preceding 12 months and upcoming financial year
- For discussion at annual lease review meeting, then published on the airport's website.

- 3. Noise**

- a) Airservices Reports - Chris Bren-Clarke presented noise data for July – September 2016 (see attached).

The Noise Complaints and Information Service received contact from 22 complainants for Q3 2016, a decrease from 30 in Q2 2016.

JetGo commenced operations to Dubbo on 3 July 2016. However, no aircraft noise complaints are attributed to these operations.

- b) Fly Neighbourly Agreement update - Graeme Ware advised there are currently 21 signatories to the Agreement. JetGo has signed, as reported to the CACG at the previous meeting.

4. Curfew

- a) Update from the Russell McArthur of Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development re the Departmental Review of Curfew Administration Arrangements in Australia. The Summary Report has been circulated to members.

The review looked at the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory settings. For example, Sydney Airport's curfew is 21 years old. The next steps are to complete all work by June 2017 and continue to engage with CACGs.

Some feedback from stakeholders was beyond the scope of the review. These will be taken into consideration outside of the review. Chris Cowan stated that EAPL's position is that Essendon Airport's curfew needs to be reviewed to be about noise, not aircraft weight or engine type.

The CACG noted that a dispensation was granted under the Regulations for a RPT jet to land at Essendon after 11pm, 14th November 2016. The aircraft's departure from Brisbane was delayed due to storm damage to infrastructure at Brisbane Airport. 120 passengers would have been impacted if the flight was cancelled. No complaints were received. This type of jet is relatively quiet and complies with noise restrictions at Sydney Airport.

Russell McArthur advised that Airservices is not currently using the Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT). However, the assumptions which sit behind it are similar to the Integrated Noise Model (INM) system which is currently in use.

5. Aviation operations update

- a) New operators - there are no new aviation operators to report.
- b) Update re: proposed change of name to *City Airport Essendon Fields*. EAPL has completed its consultations with government and industry stakeholders and will lodge its application with the Department of infrastructure and Regional Development in December.

The purpose of the change is to enhance awareness of the airport and its role.

6. Development update

- a) Hotel & Events Centre - The Australian Events Centre is opening 17 November 2016.
Hyatt Place Essendon Fields is opening May 2017.
- b) AutoCentro Stage 3 - EAPL has received enquiries for a further five additional car dealerships.
- c) No. 6 English Street Office Development - Tenant fit-outs are underway.
- d) iFLY indoor skydiving - Construction ongoing.
- e) Terminal redevelopment - EAPL still working with tenants for pre-commitments.
- f) Private hospital - EAPL is aiming to shortlist two operators by the end of the year.

- g) Melbourne Water Pipeline -Pipe installation complete at the Hart Precinct. JH-KBR to hand back area to EAPL with grass/hydro seeding.
- h) EAPL is currently constructing an additional tree nursery in the Hart Precinct, adjacent to Arvon Road and has written to residents.

7. Master Plan and Major Development Plan (MDP) matters

Rory Kennedy gave an update regarding estimated milestones for the next Master Plan and proposed developments:

Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF)

- It has been a long-stated objective in EAPL's Master Plans that the northern aviation apron will close and those activities relocated to a more central location within the airport.
- Noise modeling for the next ANEF will reflect the closure of the northern apron and the construction of a new Helicopter Landing Site within the airfield, to the east of Runway 17/35.

English Street Precinct

- Hospital (300 beds)
- Office (25,000 sq.m)
- Shopping Centre extension
- Second hotel
- Multi-deck car parks

Bulla Precinct

- DFO extension (10,000 sq.m.)
- Bulla West retail
- Link road to English Street precinct

Hart Precinct

- Additional hangars
- Office & warehouse (small, medium and large)
- Vehicle storage

Airfield Precinct

- Re-aligned taxiway
- New Helicopter Landing Site
- New control tower (or Aviation Precinct)

Aviation Precinct

- Additional hangars
- New control tower (or Airfield Precinct)
- Office adjacent to terminal building

Beaufort North Precinct

- Automotive training centre
- Conversion of Hangar 103
- Demolition of Hangar 104
- Office

Wirraway North Precinct

- 7 additional car dealerships
- Service road
- Office
- Vehicle storage

Estimated milestones:

- Exposure draft – February 2017
- ANEF consultation with State planning authorities – March 2017
- ANEF endorsement by Airservices – May 2017
- Preliminary Draft for public consultation – July to September 2017
- Draft submitted to Minister – November 2017
- Minister's Decision – January 2018

The above milestones are indicative and will depend on the progress of the Hospital Major Development Plan which is proceeding concurrently.

8. Other business

The proposed Terms of Reference was agreed and will be published on the airport's website.

VicRoads has community consultation in place regarding the demolition and re-build of the English Street bridge. Demolition will commence from 3rd January 2017 and the new bridge is anticipated to open by 26th January 2017. Detours via Wirraway Road will be in place.

The CACG resolved to send a letter of thanks to Jan Chantry (former Councillor) for her significant contribution to the CACG and the community.

Chris Cowan advised Phillip Cash has commenced as General Manager Aviation. Phillip takes over from Graeme Ware who looks forward to spending more time with his family. Graeme has overseen significant changes during his time and his passionate approach to consulting with the local community has been extremely positive. Graeme will continue to assist in future community consultation from time to time and assist with Phillip's transition.

Meeting dates for the CACG in 2017 are:

March 10, 2017	Chair, Peter Khalil MP
June 16, 2017	Chair, MVCC Councillor (TBA)
September 8, 2017	Chair, Danny Pearson MP
November 17, 2017	Chair, Phillip Cash

Meeting Closed at 12.05pm

**Next Meeting will be held Friday March 10, 2017, 10.30am
(Chair – Peter Khalil MP)**