

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

Meeting held Friday March 11, 2022, at 10:30am by videoconference

Members: Danny Pearson MP, Rod Gurry (Representing Bill Shorten MP), Frank Manti (Community Representative), Brendan Pihan (EAPL), Colin Fort (EAPL) represented by John Nahyna (EAPL).

Invited Guests: Darren Walker (Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications) (Infrastructure), Kim Wickramariyatne (Infrastructure), Tim Gill (Airservices Australia), Christine Campbell (Airservices Australia), Rory Kennedy (EAPL), Joseph Gandy (Melb Airport), Laura Brannigan (Melb Airport), Andrew Lund (Melb Airport), Rosie Offord (Melb Airport),

1. Welcome – Rory Kennedy (Chair) welcomed the committee and attendees.

- Apologies:
 - i. Cr Narelle Sharpe (MVCC)
 - ii. Christine Campbell – Air Services
 - iii. Kim Wickramariyartane (Infrastructure)
 - iv. David Woodward -East Melbourne Group
 - v. Danny Pearson MP
 - vi. Bill Shorten MP

2. Items arising from previous CACG minutes (26 November 2021)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

3. Melbourne Airport Presentation

The Melbourne Airport Team provided an overview of the Masterplan and Major Development Plans currently underway in relation to the proposed third runway and discussed inter relationships with Essendon Fields.

The team offered to further present, if necessary, given the limited time available to present.

4. Noise

a) *Airservices Update (attached)*

b) *Complaint Reports (attached).*

5. Community Feedback/Concerns

No issues to report.

6. Jet Curfew (Infrastructure)

a) *Current movements (October to December 2021)*

Refer attached summary.

7. Aviation operations (EAPL)

a) *EF aviation update*

John Nahyna outlined approximately 500k has been invested into airfield pavement maintenance.

b) *Melbourne Airport Third Runway*

EAPL continues to engage with the Melbourne Airport working group and is awaiting release of a draft MDP for public comment.

8. Development Update (EAPL)

a) *Bombardier Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Facility – Hangar 82*

Construction is forecast to be completed in February 2022. Works well advanced. Signage to be erected shortly.

b) *Terminal Refurbishment Stage 2 “Bell Business Centre”*

Pre-leasing has commenced for the planned refurbishment of the southern end of the Terminal building, which includes the addition of a Business Centre with shared meeting facilities. First tenants now in occupation.

c) *BVAQ*

Design well underway.

9. Master Plan and Major Development Plan (MDP) matters (EAPL)

Extension of time to lodge Masterplan with the Department of Infrastructure to be lodged next week due to delays in finalising the ANEF in consultation with Melbourne Airport.

10. East Melbourne Group

Matt Faubel and Tim Gill (Airservices) presented to the Group in relation to the East Melbourne Group Concerns.

Air services made flight changes in 2012. East Melbourne residents weren't fully consulted in this time and would like to now promote air operators to vary flight paths where possible to avoid sensitive land uses such as residential areas, schools and hospitals and provide hovering over railways, freeways and avoid residential areas where practical.

11. Other business

Essendon Fields Open Day coming up. To be held Sunday 27th March 2022 all the CACG are encouraged to attend. Over 2,000 people already registered to go airside for tours on the day.

Meeting Closed 11:37am

Next meeting will be held Friday 10th June 2021 @ 10:30am by videoconference

Chair – Bill Shorten (MP)