

# Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (AACC) MINUTES



**Date:** 19 May 2022

**Starting time:** 9:00am

**Location:** Microsoft Teams

## 1.0 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 0900 hrs. and welcomed those present including several new members.

<b>Present</b>	<b>Company/Organisation</b>
Brenton Burman – Chair	AECOM
Brenton Cox	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Kym Meys	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Matthew Fisher *	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Jamie Sangster	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Tom Ganley *	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Brett Eaton	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Robert Owen	Netley Residents Association
Walter Dollman	North Adelaide Residents Society
Barry Salter	Holdfast Bay Residents Alliance
Peter Inall *	The Department of Infrastructure
Nik Wahi	The Department of Infrastructure
Taylor Hick *	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Tim Gill	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Terry Buss	City of West Torrens
George Vlahos	City of West Torrens
Phillip Martin	City of Adelaide
Mike Wilde	Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Mark Hennessy *	Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Peter Anastassiadis	South Road Inner West Action Group (SRIWAG)

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Company/Organisation</b>
John Smedley	City of Holdfast Bay
Cr Kenzie van den Nieuwelaar	City of Charles Sturt
MaryLou Bishop	City of Walkerville
Michael Coxon	City of West Torrens
Tom Koutsantonis	Member for West Torrens
Stephen Patterson	Member for Morphett
Lucy Hood	Member for Adelaide
Jayne Stinson	Member for Badcoe
Steve Georganas	Federal Member for Adelaide
Garth Palmer	West Beach Resident Alliance
Kate Anderson	West Beach Parks
Dennis Hood	Member of Legislative Council
Adam Skubala	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Jonathan Wilson	South Australian Freight Council (SAFC)
Catherine Cashen	South Road Inner West Action Group (SRIWAG)
Allan Sommerville	Qantas Airways Limited
Stefan Smerdon	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman

\* Denotes new member

## 2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 17 February 2022

Proposed – Walter Dollman and Seconded Tim Gill that the minutes of the 17 February 2022 meeting be adopted – Carried.

## 3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

### 3.1 Correspondence In:

- Apologies
- Reports
- Email from Committee Member regarding Toll Dispensations.

The Chair outlined the email received by a Committee Member following the last meeting regarding the additional Low Noise Heavy Freight (LNHF) movements. He advised that the Committee considered a request from Toll at the February meeting for additional services. The additional freight related to essential medical supplies to ease an unprecedented demand for time critical surgical freight, supplies for cancer treatments, blood samples and RAT tests and were required due to a reduction in passenger aircraft and freight options. The Committee indicated its support for the dispensation, feedback was provided to the Department and a further six-month dispensation was granted to January 2023.

The Committee requested that Airservices monitor complaints specifically relating to these additional Toll flights and report back to the Committee.

### 3.2 Correspondence Out:

- Previous Minutes, Agenda and Reports.

## 4.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

## 5.0 AIRPORT UPDATE

**5.1 Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) Report** – The Report was tabled and the following was noted: Passenger numbers increased significantly in the last two months. International passenger numbers have returned to a third of what they were pre-Covid. The Easter holiday period saw domestic travel numbers at more than 90% of what they were pre-Covid.

Highlights reported:

- strong bookings for the July school holiday period;
- the return of direct flights from Adelaide to Fiji twice per week from July;
- Qatar to increase from three to five flights per week;
- Adelaide to New Zealand flights to return from July;
- a new Qantas domestic route to Albury to be launched for the ski season; and
- work continues to reinstate Adelaide's international connections following a strong recovery in Adelaide's domestic network.

With the recent rapid return of travel following a number of years of travel restrictions, some issues have been experienced with service delivery capacity globally, across Australia and in Adelaide. The security and aviation sectors were materially impacted by pandemic regulations and lost many experienced people during the time when travel was not allowed. Isolation orders, higher than usual absenteeism and a number of other factors were adding to the service delivery pressure. The challenge now for the industry was to rebuild and retrain the sector's passionate people.

**5.2 Property and Development and Land Use Report** – The Report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted:

The Vickers Vimy aircraft is now dismantled and the intricate process of moving the aircraft and rebuilding will take place in the next couple of weeks.

The Terminal Expansion has seen a strong recovery of retail trade with positive feedback received on the increased range of offerings. A number of new stores will open over the next few months.

There continues to be strong interest for development opportunities on land around the airport and the team are working on several projects. Airport East developments continue with Site 1 progressing at speed and on target for construction of the facility by the end of the year. Commercial arrangements have now been agreed for Site 2.

As previously envisaged by this Committee, AAL has entered into an Agreement for Lease with Jayco Adelaide to develop a portion of land on the corner of West Beach Road and Tapleys Hill Road for a new, purpose-built Caravan and Motorhome Dealership. It was noted that the City of West Torrens Council has received a number of enquiries in regard to the potential for increased traffic resulting from the Jayco dealership development. AAL advised that the development was an Envisaged Development within the West Beach Precinct which would generate low traffic volumes with minimal impact on the road network.

**5.3 Environment Report** – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following noted: Sustainability initiatives being investigated include a Terminal LED lighting upgrade, window films for the Terminal to further reduce electricity use and carbon reductions, an additional Terminal solar assessment has commenced and AAL has progressed discussions to plan for a power purchase agreement of green power to significantly reduce its carbon footprint.

Adam Reed will commence in the role of Environment and Community Manager next week and will be involved with the Committee moving forward.

Fuel Tank maintenance is planned to commence on 26 May and will be a three-week process to decommission, empty, inspect and clean one tank followed by the other. Fuel supplies will be lower during this period and airlines have been notified of this.

**5.4 Adelaide Airport Technical Working Group (AATWG)** – The group discussed a number of items including Toll Dispensation requirements and movement numbers, runway closures in June and considerable time was spent discussing the use of the Emergency Services Helicopter.

The change to a twin engine emergency helicopter in late 2021 has resulted in additional noise complaints. The Committee acknowledged the importance of the SAPOL emergency flight service and requested a breakdown of the helicopter flights in the reporting period to understand how many were medical flights and how many were SAPOL.

It was agreed that Airservices work with the Department to access this information and provide detail for the next meeting.

The Committee acknowledged the increased community anxiety around this issue and agreed to invite a representative from the emergency services to the next Committee meeting with a view to forming a common understanding of the issue and agree on a standard message that can then be disseminated to the wider community.

## 6.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE REPORTS

**6.1 Department of Infrastructure** – It was noted that the Commonwealth government was currently operating under Caretaker Conventions where the business of government continues and ordinary matters of administration still need to be addressed, however, to avoid binding an incoming government and limiting its freedom of action, the conventions are that the government avoids major policy decisions that would bind an incoming government, avoids making significant appointments and does not enter into major contracts or undertakings.

The Department acknowledged the challenges faced by the aviation industry as a result of Covid with lower freight supply, no international travel and illness and isolation requirements affecting the workforce. Late last year, the Aviation Recovery Framework was released focusing on six strategic priorities:

- Adjusting Regulatory Investment Settings
- Building a Core Workforce with Skills for the Future
- Adopting and Intergrading emerging Aviation Technology
- Modernising Regulation
- Highlighting the Important Role of General Aviation
- Providing Targeted Support for the Regional Aviation Industry

The Department is seeking feedback on the Sunsetting Regulations Stage 1A and 1B with key stakeholders notified and invited to provide written submissions on the discussion paper before 3 June 2022.

**6.2 State Department of Infrastructure and Transport Report** – The grade separation of Marion Road at the intersection of Anzac Highway will proceed with Federal government announcing the injection of \$200M towards the project. It is anticipated to be a two-year project.

**6.3 AirServices Australia (ASA) Report** – It was reported that air traffic movements are looking healthy with increased numbers during the period. After a period of time without commercial aircraft, people are more susceptible to the impact of aircraft noise and an increase in the number of noise complaints was noted with 134 complaints from 108 individuals in the reporting period (Jan-Mar) compared to 120 complaints in the full previous year and tracking well above the three-year average. Complaints were received from 71 suburbs. This increase in the number of complaints is a consistent across airports.

It was noted that helicopter noise complaints have continued to increase since the introduction late last year of the new twin engine helicopter, required to comply with CASA regulations. March in particular saw a spike in the number of complaints associated with emergency services operations with usage increased due to additional training requirements for the new helicopter as well as general activity usage.

Airservices will be rolling out 'Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood' later this year which is a fully interactive portal for the community to access information and resources about how air traffic is managed and submit complaints via the portal. Committee members are encouraged to have a look at the Portal which is in operation in other states and provide any feedback to Airservices.

Airservices Aircraft Noise Information Reports for Adelaide are available [here](#).

**6.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report** – No report.

## **7.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**7.0 Planning Co-ordination Forum Report (PCF)** – The report was tabled and taken as read. It was noted that the introduction of the Planning and Design Code and the new aircraft noise exposure overlay which changes how aircraft noise is managed, together with the introduction of MBS-010, the City of West Torrens Council has recently refused applications for land division within the ANEF 30 area.

**7.1 City of West Torrens (CWT)** – The Report was tabled and taken as read. The quality of the report provided by the City of West Torrens Council was commended by the Committee.

**7.2 City of Holdfast Bay** – No report.

**7.3 City of Adelaide** – Nothing to report to Committee.

**7.4 City of Charles Sturt** – No report

**7.5 West Beach Parks Report** – No report

**7.6 Town of Walkerville Report** – No report

## **8.0 NEW / OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1 Updates from Community Representatives** – It was noted that Holdfast Bay Community Group are in regular contact with members regarding airline matters and other community groups should be encouraged to communicate and provide feedback to Airservices or AAL when appropriate. It was also noted that a comparison of noise levels against complaints would be useful to see if there is direct correlation. It was advised that noise monitoring is used for modelling and this is correlated through NCIS.

**8.2 Buckland Park** – It was reported that a letter has been drafted to send to the City of Playford Council and the Walker Corporation who are undertaking the housing development. The development is not within the noise contours for Adelaide or Parafield Airports however it is directly below Parafield Airport flight paths and there may be significant noise experienced and potential buyers should be made aware of this. The letter advising of this is to be finalised and sent.

**8.3 Meeting Procedures** – The Committee agreed with the Chair's proposal that future meetings commence with an Acknowledgement of Country to recognise the traditional owners of the land.

## **9.0 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS - nil**

## **10.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

**10.1** Airservices monitor complaints specifically relating to additional Toll flights and report back to the Committee.

**10.2** Breakdown of Emergency Helicopter medical flights against SAPOL flights to be provided to next meeting - Airservices / Department to access information.

**10.3** Extend invite to an emergency services representative to the next Committee meeting - AAL.

**10.4** Finalise and send letter regarding Buckland Park development.

## **11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18 August at 9am.

**Meeting Closed at 10:18am**