

Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (AACC) MINUTES



Date: 17 August 2023

Starting time: 9:00am

Location: Coorong Room, Adelaide Airport Management Centre

1.0 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.01am and welcomed those present acknowledging the traditional custodians, and then proceeded with the business set out in the Agenda.

Present	Company/Organisation
Brenton BURMAN – Chair	Independent Chair
Alicia BICKMORE	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Helen BRAITHWAITE	Green Adelaide-Department for Environment and Water
Roberto Bria	City of Holdfast Bay
Brenton COX	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Rod Beames	West Beach Neighbourhood Watch
Brett EATON <i>(by teleconference)</i>	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Kym MEYS	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Tim GILL	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Delphine NG	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Neema LAWRENCE	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Mark HENNESSY <i>(by teleconference)</i>	Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Jonathan WILSON	South Australian Freight Council (SAFC)
Phillip MARTIN	City of Adelaide
Graham NITSCHKE	South Road Inner West Action Group (SRIWAG)
Robert OWEN	Netley Residents Association
Heath Newberry <i>(by teleconference)</i>	Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Adam REED	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Jamie SANGSTER <i>(by teleconference)</i>	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Matthew FISHER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
David Cowell (Observer)	Department Airport Environment Officer
Peter INALL <i>(by teleconference)</i>	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)
Paul ARGENT <i>(by teleconference)</i>	DITRDCA
Neil Bain <i>(by teleconference)</i>	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Terry BUSS	City of West Torrens
Ilia HOURIDIS	City Shaping - City of Adelaide
Maddie Moustakos <i>(by teleconference)</i>	Office of Steve Georganas

Apologies	Company/Organisation
Daniel PRICE	Qantas
Barry Salter	Holdfast Bay Residents Alliance
Matt COWDREY	Member for Colton
Jordan BRIDGE	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Stephen PATTERSON	Member for Morphett
Clare LINDOP	City of Holdfast Bay

Apologies	Company/Organisation
Edgar AGIUS	City of Charles Sturt
Michael COXON	City of West Torrens

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 25 MAY 2023

The Minutes were approved on 22 June 2023 and loaded onto the Airport's website. This process was reconfirmed at the meeting and Robert Owen and Graham Nitschke confirmed that the minutes of the 25 May 2023 meeting be adopted – Carried.

3.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Adelaide Airport Curfew guide from the Department to be published on Airport's website

This item is in progress and the Department will also provide a link to the Curfew website.

3.2 DITRDCA to provide more detail on criteria for dispensation cases of significant delay (after midnight)

In the calendar year 2022, of 164 curfew dispensations, 4 were approved after midnight (2.4%). An explanation of the 4 flights is below:

1. Flight was diverted to Melbourne and the dispensation was cancelled;
2. Flight was approved to land at 12:10am but landed before midnight;
3. Flight was diverted to Adelaide due to fog in Melbourne and the aircraft was low on fuel; and
4. Flight had engineering issues

Of the 76 dispensations provided to date in 2023, similar figures were noted with 2 dispensations after midnight (2.6%)

1. Auckland Airport flooded which led to a departure delay for Qatar
2. A engineering issue was discovered in Hobart and required an aircraft swap and the offloading and reloading of passengers onto another aircraft and then a foreign object was discovered. It was noted that accommodation was limited in Hobart and the duty officer made the decision to apply a dispensation.

The dispensation process requires that a set of primary and secondary criteria must be met. It was noted that the duty officers undertake a lot of investigation and correspondence with the airline before a dispensation is granted. It was noted that hardship, availability of accommodation, unaccompanied minors onboard the aircraft, and passengers in wheelchairs are just a sample of the criteria they consider. It was noted that a small amount of dispensations are refused.

It was noted that low flying helicopters over the Netley area is an issue for residents. This item will be investigated.

3.3 A new representative of the West Beach Residents Alliance to be investigated

Rod Beames was welcomed to the Committee as the new West Beach representative.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence In:

- Apologies
- Reports
- Amended dispensations for the operation of low noise heavy freight movements during curfew period at Adelaide Airport

4.2 Correspondence Out:

- Previous Minutes, Agenda and Reports

5.0 AIRPORT UPDATE

5.1 Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) Report – The Report was tabled and the following was noted: For the full 2023 Financial Year, Adelaide Airport saw over 7.7 million passengers travel through the terminal, equivalent to 91% of pre-CVOID volumes and represents a strong return of travel demand to and from Adelaide. The Airport hopes this trend continues. It was announced that Rex will fly Adelaide to Sydney resulting in passengers having more choice and greater competition leading to lower prices. Adelaide has secured a new international airline - Batik Air Malaysia who will fly to Kuala Lumpur. The Airport won the international Green Airports Award for its efforts in eliminating the use of single-use plastics. Tom Ganley was announced as the Executive General Manager for Parafield Airport.

5.2 Property Development Report – The Report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: It was noted that SAPOL were no longer pursuing land at the Airport for SAPOL's horse mounted operations. It was noted that there had been confusing and incorrect media reports as there was not PFAS on the preferred site and, more broadly, PFAS did not prevent development on other airport sites.

5.3 Environment Report – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following noted: DITRDCA concluded their PFAS preliminary site investigations at Adelaide Airport (which commenced August 2022) as part of the PFAS Pilot Program. The final report has been provided and AAL are continuing to share information in preparation for Phase 2 works. Airservices have also completed their Detailed Site Investigation works to expand the level of detail around known PFAS source sites at Adelaide Airport, however final reports are yet to be provided. A summary of recent works by DITRDCA, Airservices and AAL were presented at the July PFAS Project Control Group held at AAL offices.

Routine ongoing compliance work was noted in the quarter including ground water well installation and updating the Adelaide Airport Land Management Plan with EBS Ecology and ongoing work with the Main Runway Taxiway Overlay Project (MRTOP).

Friends of Patawalonga working bees were held monthly throughout the quarter at the Pat Creek site, they have repainted the onsite shelter, and continue to gather support with new members. New fencing was also installed along the eastern boundary of Pat Creek to delineate this area and also provide ongoing access for drain clearing works.

AAL also attended the West Beach Neighbourhood Watch Meeting to provide an update on upcoming works around the West Beach precinct area. A few areas of concern from residents were noted as curfew/ helicopter movements, development works and stormwater management.

It was noted that a complaint had been received about the gate at the Adelaide University Hockey oval. It was noted that the gate has since been locked.

5.4 Adelaide Airport Technical Working Group (AATWG) – The group discussed a number of items including dispensations and runway closures relating to the MR TOP project.

6.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE REPORTS

6.1 DITRDCA – The report was tabled and the following was noted: It was noted that since the last report, a recategorisation of RFDS flights had been undertaken. It was noted that the single busiest route for dispensations was Sydney to Adelaide arrival with 8 dispensations. A noise complaint was received which related to an RFDS aircraft during the curfew period.

The Aviation White Paper is expected to be released in the first half of 2024, with its flight path passing through the following stages:

- On 7 February 2023, the Government released the White Paper [Terms of Reference](#)
- [Submissions on the Terms of Reference](#) closed on 10 March 2023

- Public consultation occurred during March 2023 through industry roundtables
- The Aviation Green Paper is expected to be released in mid-2023
- A second round of public consultation will occur following the release of the Green Paper, which will include:
 - Call for detailed submissions in response to the Green Paper
 - Consultations with stakeholders
- The Aviation White Paper to be released in the first half of 2024
- Further information on the Aviation White Paper, including for future submissions, can be found here [Aviation White Paper | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts](#)

On 21 June 2023, the Australian Government announced the establishment of the Australian Jet Zero Council. The council brings together a cross-section of senior stakeholders from across the aviation sector and its supply chains to lead efforts to deliver net zero aviation in Australia. The council will also coordinate across the sector to provide advice to Government on issues related to the aviation industry's transition to net zero emissions. The council's work will complement the Government's Aviation White Paper, which will set the scene for the next generation of growth and development across the aviation sector.

The NASFG current 2021-2024 forward workplan is reviewing Guideline B Windsheer, Guideline C Wildlife Hazard management and Guideline D wind farms.

Since the last meeting, the Department have made a significant progress on Sunsetting. The Department are working with all stakeholders in the development and implementation of the new regulatory framework for airports. In 2017 and 2018, considerable stakeholder engagement on the current regulations was undertaken with airports, airlines, state governments, Commonwealth agencies, councils and community groups. The feedback received has formed the basis for the reform options. Enquiries regarding the sunsetting project may be directed to the Director, Airport Reform and Sunsetting, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts by email to aviationreform@infrastructure.gov.au

The PFAS 2021 budget measure was discussed. The Department's pilot program concluded on 30 June 2023 including the first stages at Adelaide and Parafield Airports. Preliminary site investigations reports have been finalised and the Department are working through the process of publicly approving these documents.

6.2 State Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Report – A verbal update was provided, and the following was noted: Network updates have been undertaken around the Airport. The Australian Government audit of DIT infrastructure and investment projects is still ongoing but is business as usual. The Torrens to Darlington project has lots of interest from the community and an online survey was undertaken with 1200 respondents and the results were mostly positive. DIT has committed to \$850m additional network and amenities upgrade along the Torrens to Darlington corridor. It was noted this includes local traffic management and that it's broader than just the project.

The concept design has progressed for the Marion Road / Sir Donald Bradman intersection upgrade. A community drop-in session is on 19 August 2-4pm. A concept design has been developed for the overpass to remove the two level crossings Marion Road/ Cross Road. There is a lot more work to do to finalise urban design elements. The Australian and South Australian governments recently committed funding towards a planning study to investigate the removal of the level crossing where the Glenelg tram line crosses Morphett Road, Morphettville. These works form part of the Tram Grade Separation Projects.

A Committee member raised a query around whether the road access to the Jayco site needs upgrading. It was noted that an assessment was done as part of project preparation and the investigation concluded no upgrade was required.

6.3 Airservices Australia (ASA) Report – A small number of outages were experienced with the noise monitors during the quarter. It was noted that Webtrack has been updated and you can now see aircraft out to 80KM instead of 40Km and can look back 3 months at the data. The lag has also been reduced between the event occurring and the ability to view it. 46 individual complainants were received with 73 contacts and 31 new complainants. 40 suburbs recorded a complainant and West Beach had 4, Christie Downs, Clarence Gardens and Gilberton had 2 each. 26 suburbs recorded a single complainant. The increase is due to the use of Runway 05 and a few more curfew movements. The main issues were standard flight path movements, curfew movements, emergency services, night movements and helicopters. A fact sheet was created to explain to community members why ASA report on some emergency services movements and some they don't and what the issues are as emergency services are a required service. It was noted that SAPOL field a lot of complaints regarding emergency service operations and are able to share more information. An upgrade will be available soon for the complaint section of the website and you can drill down on information provided. ASA are creating a Community Engagement standard as they have community obligations when planning and implementing changes to flight paths. These include:

- minimise the impact of aircraft operations on communities where practicable
- undertake effective community engagement
- inform the community of the development and implementation of significant changes to air navigation

6.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report – No report.

7.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

7.1 Planning Co-ordination Forum Report (PCF) – The report was taken as read and the following was noted: Due to the timing of the PCF meetings and the approval of the PCF minutes by PCF members, a verbal update will be provided to this meeting going forward instead of a formal report.

It was noted that a draft discussion paper for the [Greater Adelaide Plan](#) is on public exhibition from 14 August 2023. The plan looks at population growth, housing needs going forward, sustainability requirements etc. It was recommended that members have a look at the plan.

7.2 City of West Torrens (CWT) – The Report was tabled and the following was noted: The War Memorial, honouring those who served in the armed forces from Lockleys and surrounding suburbs, has been completed and open to the public with the exception of interpretive signage and the memorial lighting. An official opening will be held on Wednesday 16 August 2023 to coincide with the official opening of the original Soldiers Memorial Hall in 1925. A Committee member commended the Council for the opening speech and the memorial site.

Residents adjacent to the artificial concrete drain near the Jayco site are concerned when water flows over on the path. It was noted that stormwater was reviewed as part of the development application and a presentation was provided to residents with the Council and it was noted that there is no overflow impacts as a result of the development.

7.3 City of Holdfast Bay – No report.

7.4 City of Adelaide – No report.

7.5 City of Charles Sturt – No report.

7.6 West Beach Parks Report – No report.

8.0 NEW / OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Updates from Community Representatives – A Committee member noted that the main issue with the Torrens to Darlington project is traffic management outside of South Road in surrounding areas.

A Committee member raised that the Netley acoustic mound vegetation needs maintenance. The Airport will follow up this item.

8.2 MRTOP Update –

A MRTOP update was provided to the forum which covered:

- Program of works (a work break will occur over the Christmas period)
- Runway Closures (during curfew period)
- Community Impacts – increased use of cross runway during the curfew period
- Impact to residents from construction activities
- Increased vehicle traffic on Richmond road
- Community Engagement

It was noted that an impact assessment and a management plan has been prepared to limit community impacts which includes reducing construction noise where possible, limit reversing noise on vehicles, investigating two grooving machines to speed up the process etc. It was noted that a letterbox drop will target affected residents and businesses and the same letters will be sent to local councils with a fact sheet so they are aware of what is being sent to residents in case they receive enquiries. It was requested that the fact sheet to be shared with ASA so the NCIS team are aware of noise impact. AAL will also utilise social media and its website for updates.

More information on the project can be found here - [Main Runway and Taxiways Overlay Project - Adelaide Airport](#).

9.0 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS

9.1 PFAS Presentation

A general update on PFAS was provided to the Committee by Adelaide Airport's Environment and Community Manager.

10.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- 10.1** Adelaide Airport Curfew guide from the Department to be published on Airport's website
- 10.2** Low flying helicopters over the Netley area
- 10.3** Acoustic mound vegetation needs maintenance - AAL
- 10.4** MRTOP factsheet to be shared with ASA

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9 November at 9.00am.

Meeting Closed at 10:33am