

# Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (AACC) MINUTES



**Date:** 9 November 2023

**Starting time:** 9:00am

**Location:** Coorong Room, Adelaide Airport Management Centre

## 1.0 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.02am and welcomed those present acknowledging the traditional custodians, and then proceeded with the business set out in the Agenda.

<b>Present</b>	<b>Company/Organisation</b>
Edgar AGIUSS	City of Charles Sturt
Paul ARGENT	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)
Rodney BEAMES	West Beach Neighbourhood Watch
Alicia BICKMORE	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Helen BRAITHWAITE	Green Adelaide-Department for Environment and Water
Jordon BRIDGE	Airservices Australia
Brenton BURMAN – Chair	Independent Chair
Terry BUSS	City of West Torrens
Brenton COX	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Michael COXON	City of West Torrens
Belinda FENNER ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (ANO)
Tim GILL	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Mark HENNESSY ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Peter INALL	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)
Neema LAWRENCE ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Ali LINTERN	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Jimmy LOW ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Phillip MARTIN	City of Adelaide
Gerard MEARS	Airservices Australia
Heath NEWBERRY ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Delphine NG ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Graham NITSCHKE	South Road Inner West Action Group (SRIWAG)
Bob OWEN	Netley Residents Association
Daniel PRICE ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Qantas
Adam REED ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
James SANGSTER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Elena TIERI	Office of Steve Georganas
Jonathan WILSON	South Australian Freight Council (SAFC)

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Company/Organisation</b>
Barry SALTER	Holdfast Bay Residents Alliance
Clare LINDOP	City of Holdfast Bay
Iliia HOURIDIS	City Shaping - City of Adelaide
Matt FISHER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Matt COWDREY	Member for Colton

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Company/Organisation</b>
Kym MEYS	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Tom GANLEY	Parafield Airport Limited (PAL)
David COWELL	Department Airport Environment Officer
Brett EATON	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)

## **2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 17 August 2023**

The Minutes were approved on 22 September 2023 and loaded onto the Airport's website.

## **3.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

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

The Department will provide a weblink to their webpage on curfew requirements and regulations. This website provides the same information as in the Adelaide Airport Curfew Guide.

### **3.2 Low flying helicopters over the Netley area**

This item was discussed and a reduction in noise has been noticed.

### **3.3 Acoustic mound vegetation needs maintenance - AAL**

AAL has undertaken maintenance on the mound. However, residents noted that whilst maintenance is being undertaken they would like to further discuss improvements to the mound. AAL to follow up and address offline.

### **3.4 MRTOP factsheet to be shared with ASA**

This item has been completed.

## **4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **4.1 Correspondence In:**

- Apologies
- Reports
- Email from the Department regarding Action Item 3.1

### **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: The Airport welcomed over 2.1 million passengers in the first quarter of the 2024 Financial Year (FY24), with overall traffic recovering to 98% of 2019 Financial Year (FY19) volumes. Travel demand remained strong, aided by a boost in international capacity over the winter school holidays.

International traffic of 235,000 passengers was significantly higher than the heavily COVID-impacted September quarter the prior year. Against the same quarter in FY19, international passenger volumes returned to 87% due to the introduction of Batik Air, Malaysia Airlines' three weekly Kuala Lumpur services, Jetstar's up-gauge to the larger Airbus A321Neo aircraft for their Bali services providing an additional +25% more capacity per flight, as well as additional seasonal frequencies from Jetstar and Virgin Australia to Bali.

More than 1.8 million domestic passengers travelled throughout the quarter, outperforming the prior year and recovering to FY19 levels due to strength in leisure-driven school holiday demand. To further support the winter holiday demand, Qantas' seasonal services to Cairns and the Gold Coast returned during the school holidays.

It was noted that AAL have recently released their 2022/2023 Integrated Report and Committee members were encouraged to read the Report.

**5.2 Property Development Report** – The Report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: There are no vacancies in the terminal with all shops now leased. The Plaza Premium Lounge officially opened during the last quarter. It was noted fit out work has started on ADL Grounds Sports Bar and will pay homage to Adelaide's iconic sporting identities. This is anticipated to be open by mid-December.

The Parafield Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan is being prepared for public release on 8 January 2024 and will take place over 60 business days. To support the release, Parafield Airport is working towards undertaking a number of activities during the consultation period.

**5.3 Environment Report** – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following noted: It was noted that plans to undertake drain clearance by SA Water will likely be undertaken in summer.

**5.4 Adelaide Airport Technical Working Group (AATWG)** – The group discussed a number of items including the MRTOP project, crane approvals, the State 20 Year Infrastructure plan and also Remembrance Day aircraft noise procedures.

## **6.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE REPORTS**

**6.1 Department of Infrastructure** – The Department provided a comprehensive presentation which is attached to the minutes.

**6.2 State Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Report** – A verbal update was provided, and the following was noted: The ongoing \$22 million resurfacing works along South Road are progressing well.

A number of intersection upgrades were noted which complement the Torrens to Darlington project.

It was noted that from the start of the 2025 school year, Warriappendi School will shift from its current location at Marleston to the refurbished former TechinSA building in Thebarton, making way for construction of the Torrens to Darlington motorway.

The Marion Road and Sir Donald Bradman Drive Intersection Upgrade recent community engagement was noted. The feedback received is now being collated and considered by the project team and an update will be provided to community in the coming months.

The Australian and South Australian government's recently committed funding towards a planning study to investigate the removal of the level crossing where the Glenelg tram line crosses Morphett Road, Morphettville and at Marion Road and Cross Road, Plympton. These works form part of the Tram Grade Separation Projects.

**6.3 Airservices Australia (ASA) Report** – It was noted that 52 individual complainants were received, 39 suburbs recorded a complainant and 30 of these suburbs recorded a single complainant. The reason for these complaints included curfew movements, standard flight path movements, night movements, runway closures and helicopters. ASA thanked AAL for the great communication around the MRTOP project.

The VAILO Adelaide 500 event will run between 23-26 November 2023. Extra noise is to be expected due to fast jets flying for the event and also helicopter joy flights.

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

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

**7.1 Planning Co-ordination Forum Report (PCF)** – It was noted that AAL would be submitting submissions for the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan and the State 20-year Infrastructure Plan.

**7.2 City of West Torrens (CWT)** – The Report was tabled and the following was noted: Council recently endorsed the Adelaide Football Club (AFC) Master Plan for their proposed move to the precinct to establish their new headquarters and training facilities. Public consultation on the Master Plan will take place between 9 November and 7 December 2023 following which Council will make a final decision on whether to grant a 42 year lease to AFC to move to the Thebarton Oval Precinct.

The Committee thanked Terry Buss for his commitment, open communication and great service to this committee as he prepares for retirement at the end of the year. It was noted that Deputy Chief Executive Officer at the City of West Torrens, Angelo Catinari, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer to succeed Terry Buss when he retires after 15 years in the role.

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

**7.4 City of Adelaide** – It was noted that the City Plan – Adelaide 2036 project is now in the Targeted Stakeholder Engagement phase, engaging with subject matter experts and thought leaders across a broad range of areas relevant to the City of Adelaide.

It was noted the Council will be submitting a submission for the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan.

Adelaide was the host city for Tourism Australia's premier incentive event, Dreamtime, which has brought together leading international business events decision-makers and aims to enhance Australia's profile as a leading destination for business gatherings.

**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** – It was noted that Jayco is expected to have a soft opening in December 2023, with the official opening planned for early 2024.

The West Torrens Historical Society thanked AAL for their assistance with their upcoming Vickers Vimy exhibition visit.

### **8.2 Main Runway and Taxiway Overlay Project Update (MRTOP)**

Adelaide Airport commenced re-surfacing of its runways and taxiways as part of essential maintenance works on Wednesday 4 October 2023. Re-surfacing works are expected to be completed by August 2024. It was noted that the project will cost ~\$70m. A comprehensive presentation was provided to the Committee.

**9.0 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS**

Nil presentations.

**10.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

Nil action items.

**11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 22 February 2024 at 9.00am.

**Meeting Closed at 10:33am**



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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

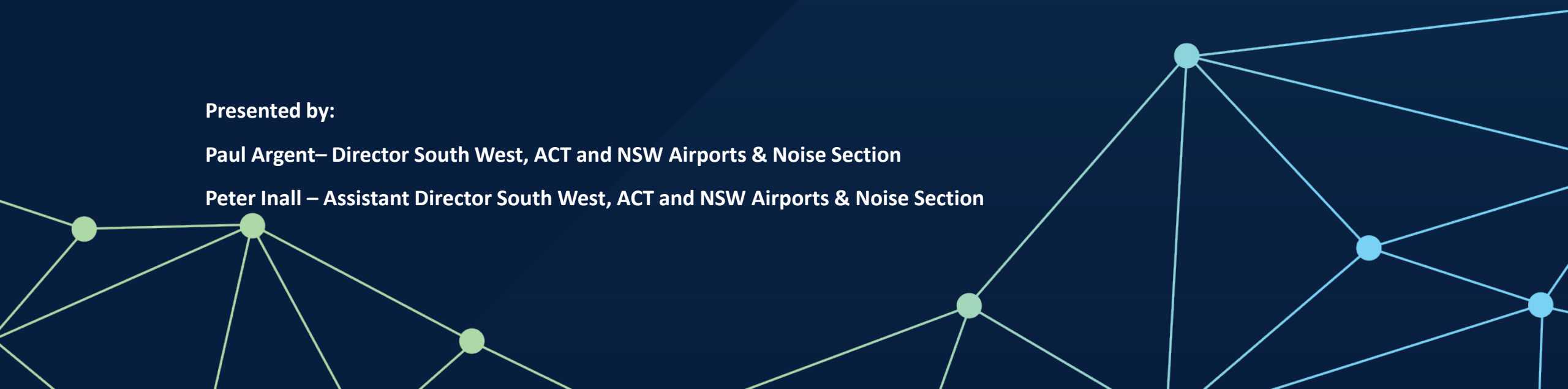
# Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee

Thursday 9 November 2023

**Presented by:**

**Paul Argent – Director South West, ACT and NSW Airports & Noise Section**

**Peter Inall – Assistant Director South West, ACT and NSW Airports & Noise Section**



# Topics for Discussion

- Adelaide Airport Curfew Guide
- Curfew movements and noise complaints July to September 2023
- Aviation White Paper
- Jet Zero and Sustainable Aviation Fuels
- National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG)
- Sunsetting of Regulations
- PFAS Investigation Program

# Adelaide Airport Curfew Movements and noise complaints

For the period July through September 2023, numbers were up across the categories compared to the April-June period.

- ❖ There were 240 low noise heavy freight movements (up from 221 in the last quarter);
- ❖ 25 single movement dispensations (up from 17 in the last quarter). 13 dispensations were for between 11pm and 11:10pm;
- ❖ 720 emergency movements (up from 658);
- ❖ 26 approved propeller movements (up from 23 in the last quarter); and
- ❖ 20 permitted jet aircraft movements (up from 8 in the last quarter).



# Adelaide Airport Curfew Movements and noise complaints

- For single movement dispensations:
  - ❖ Jetstar had 12
  - ❖ Qantas had 8
  - ❖ Virgin had 5
- In terms of the routes with the most single movement dispensations:
  - ❖ Sydney to Adelaide (arrivals) had 10 dispensations.
  - ❖ Perth to Adelaide (arrivals) had 6 dispensations.



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# Aviation White Paper

**AVIATION  
WHITE  
PAPER**

A safe, efficient, sustainable, productive and competitive aviation sector is critical to the economy and the standard of living of all Australians. This Aviation Green Paper is an important step in developing an Aviation White Paper that sets the policy direction for the aviation sector out to 2050.

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon. Catherine King MP

Foreword to the Aviation Green Paper, September 2023

# Why the Colour of the Paper Matters

- A **Green Paper** is 'a paper presented to Parliament by a minister before an important debate, not as a declaration of politics, but as a basis for discussion'.
- A **White Paper** which is 'a statement of government policy on a particular issue, presented to parliament as a subject for discussion, usually prior to or accompanying the introduction of a relevant bill'.
- In short, the Aviation Green Paper and stakeholder views obtained through the consultation process will be a key input to the Aviation White Paper.
- The Aviation Green Paper is open for submissions until 30 November 2023.
- [Aviationgreenpaper@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:Aviationgreenpaper@infrastructure.gov.au)
- <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/aviation-green-paper>

# Aviation Green Paper Chapters

- Airlines, airports and passengers – competition, consumer protections and disability access settings
- Regional and remote aviation services
- Maximising aviation's contribution to net zero
- Airport development planning processes and consultation mechanisms
- General Aviation
- Fit-for-purpose agencies and regulations
- Emerging aviation technologies
- Future industry workforce
- International aviation

## How to get involved and have your say

- Read and discuss the paper amongst your networks and industry  
<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/aviation-green-paper>
- Join the mailing list – send a request to [aviationwhitepaper@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:aviationwhitepaper@infrastructure.gov.au)
- Make a submission – open until 30 November 2023
- Submit an expression of interest to participate in a roundtable  
<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/aviation/aviation-green-paper/eoi>
  - A number of virtual sessions throughout November.

# Jet Zero and Sustainable Aviation Fuel

- Minister King announced the initial membership of the Australian Jet Zero Council on 21 June 2023.
- The Council includes a seat for airports, which is currently held by Brisbane Airport Corporation, and will rotate annually.
- The Council held its first meeting on 15 August 2023 at Brisbane Airport. Members noted there was a sense of needing to work quickly on decarbonisation efforts, and agreed on a work plan to guide the Council's work.
- The work plan includes a focus on sustainable aviation fuels and identifying best practice approaches to reducing emissions from airlines and airports.

## National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG)

- NASAG comprises Commonwealth, State and Territory Government planning officials, the Department of Defence, CASA, Airservices Australia and the Australian Local Government Association.
- NASAG continues to discuss future work associated with implementing the NASF Implementation Review Recommendations and is next expected to meet in November in Canberra.



# Sunseting Regulations

The review will be staged as follows and each stage will have an associated period of consultation:

Stage 1a: Cutting red tape, duplication, inconsistencies and reporting; leasing and management of airports; airport ownership.

Stage 1b: Modernising the Act including examining the definition of an airport site and infringement notice schemes.

Stage 2: Streamlining Commonwealth responsibilities; control of on-airport activities; and quality of service monitoring, reports and accounting.

Stage 3: Increasing flexibility and modernising environment protection, building control and protection of airspace.

Stage 4: Legislative reform: Amendments to the *Airports Act 1996*.

# Sunseting Regulations

## Update:

- The Department has made significant progress across each of the sunseting instruments.
- Public consultation on the draft regulations to replace the Airports (Ownership-Interests in Shares) Regulations 1996 and Airports Regulations 1997 has concluded, and the department is working towards having these made and ready to commence by 1 April 2024.
- Input provided by stakeholders as part of the Department's sunseting reviews has and will be passed on for consideration as part of the Aviation White Paper Process.
- Enquiries regarding the sunseting project may be directed to the Director, Airport Reform and Sunseting, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts by email to [aviationreform@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:aviationreform@infrastructure.gov.au)

# PFAS Investigation Program

- The Australian Government has committed \$130.5 million over three years to undertake investigations at Australian civilian airports.
- The Department's pilot program concluded on 30 June 2023, including the first stage of works at Adelaide and Parafield Airports.
- Further investigations will be completed at both Adelaide and Parafield as part of the Main Program. The works are intended to address data gaps identified during the Pilot.
- As part of the continuing works, site visits were undertaken on 30 and 31 October 2023.



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**Thank You**

