

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### **Melbourne Airport Noise Abatement Committee**

**10.00 am Tuesday 9 February 2010  
Hume Conference Room, Level 2, T2, Melbourne Airport**

#### **1. ATTENDANCE**

##### **Present:**

Gilbert Richardson	Australia Pacific Airports Melbourne
Renee Atkinson	Australia Pacific Airports Melbourne
Brian Joiner	Australia Pacific Airports Melbourne
Victor Choi	Australia Pacific Airports Melbourne
Lorraine Dowsey	Brimbank City Council
Joe Giuliani	Maribyrnong City Council
Steve Finlay	Melton Shire Council
Malcolm Ramsay	Hobsons Bay City Council
Steve Roberts	Moreland City Council
David Kirkland	Department of Planning and Community Development
Marianne Richards	Department of Transport
Tom Gunner	Department of Transport
James Nancarrow	EPA Victoria
Andrew Sellick	Qantas Airways
Capt. Lewis Beech	Virgin Blue
Carol Nunez	Virgin Blue

##### **Apologies:**

Nathan Agnew	Australia Pacific Airports Melbourne
Marc Storti	Australia Pacific Airports Melbourne
Catherine Hunichen	Brimbank City Council
Suzanne Cleary	Hume City Council
Councillor Renata Cugliari	Melton Shire Council
Bob Baggio	Melton Shire Council
Coral Young	Moonee Valley City Council
Paula McMahon	Airservices Australia (Canberra)
Bill Phelan	Airservices Australia (Melbourne)
Max Chipman	Airservices Australia (Sydney)
Roger Gottlob	Department of Infrastructure
Warren Bennett	Board Airline Representatives Australia (BARA)
Darren Jackson	City of Whittlesea
Councillor Kris Pavlidis	City of Whittlesea
Brian Williams	Virgin Blue
David White	Virgin Blue

## **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the November 2009 NAC meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting proceedings.

## **3. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **3.1 Previous Action Item Update**

*Action: Distribute website information produced by Melbourne Airport and Airservices Australia on runway usage and weather to the NAC for comments*

Completed

**Action: Website information produced by Melbourne Airport and Airservices Australia on runway usage and weather to be included on Melbourne Airport website.**

### **3.2 Previous Action Item Update**

**Action: Airservices Australia to advise residents from the Diggers Rest meeting of the outcomes including radar and flight data comparison. Copy to be sent to Melton CC and Melbourne Airport.**

Outstanding

### **3.3 Previous Action Item Update**

*Action: Airservices Australia to provide results from the data comparison between Qantas and Airservices Australia – radar and flight data.*

Outstanding – see 3.2 above

### **3.4 Previous Action Item Update**

**Action: Airservices Australia to undertake strategic review of Environment Monitoring units (formerly called Noise Monitoring Terminals) in 2010. Terms of reference for the review to be completed by May 2010 NAC.**

Ongoing

### **3.5 Previous Action Item Update**

*Action: Melbourne Airport to provide update to residents on the action items from the Brimbank Noise Forum*

Completed

### **3.6 Previous Action Item Update**

*Action: Airservices Australia to remove comments and enquires from the graph of time of concern. Melbourne Airport to distribute to the NAC*

Completed

### **3.7 Previous Action Item Update**

*Action: Qantas to provide information on RNP to local Council's PR department for distribution*

Refer Item 6. below

### **3.8 Previous Action Item Update**

*Action: Melbourne Airport to send the RNP presentation to the NAC*

Completed

### **3.9 Previous Action Item Update**

*Action: Melbourne Airport to provide clarification of airspace protection letter sent to Councils.*

Completed

## **4. REVIEW OF NOISE ENQUIRIES (October 2009 – December 2009)**

The number of monthly noise complaints received by the Airservices Australia Noise Enquiry Unit relating to Melbourne Airport was 92 complaints (from 19 complainants) in October, 82 complaints (from 19 complainants) in November and 211 complaints (from 24 complainants) in December.

Brimbank expressed concern over the number of Sunshine complaints during December. It was explained that complaints in this area have varied over time and are weather dependent.

## **5. NOISE AND FLIGHT PATH MONITORING SYSTEM 2009 Q3**

Melbourne Airport provided a summary report on the 2009 Q3 NFPMS report. It was noted the Newport Environmental Monitoring Unit (EMU) was relocated to Diggers Rest.

## **6. REPORT ON FLIGHT PATH CHANGES – QANTAS RNP**

Andrew Sellick provided an update on the implementation of RNP by Qantas at Melbourne Airport. Reasons for implementation included safety, reduction in pilot workload, fuel efficiency, reduction in maintenance and lower engine thrust (less fuel and noise). The trial began on 3 December 2009. Media release went out and letters were sent to local members. Comments from the NAC are welcomed. Andrew noted the Brisbane RNP Trial Report is on the Airservices Australia website:

[http://www.airservicesaustralia.com.au/projects/services/reports/RNP\\_Brisbane\\_Green\\_Project\\_Stage1\\_Report.pdf](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com.au/projects/services/reports/RNP_Brisbane_Green_Project_Stage1_Report.pdf)

**Action: Airservices Australia to correlate RNP trial with Environmental Assessment including assessment of noise complaints.**

## **7. COMMUNITY NOISE FORUMS**

Brimbank Community Forum update – refer Item 3.5 above. It was noted that Brimbank City Council already undertake community forums and it may be possible to utilise these to discuss noise issues.

**Action: Brimbank City Council to provide contact details for Community Liaison Officers.**

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

DPCD indicated that Amendment VC55 (including changes to the Urban Growth Boundary) had lapsed. It required approval by both Houses of Parliament by 3 February 2010 but this was not achieved.

An update on the review of the Brimbank Municipal Strategic Statement was provided.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11 May 2010 at 10.00 am.

### **SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

**Action 1: Website information produced by Melbourne Airport and Airservices Australia on runway usage and weather to be included on Melbourne Airport website.**

**Action 2: Airservices Australia to advise residents from the Diggers Rest meeting of the outcomes including radar and flight data comparison. Copy to be sent to Melton CC and Melbourne Airport.**

**Action 3: Airservices Australia to undertake strategic review of Environment Monitoring units (formerly called Noise Monitoring Terminals) in 2010. Terms of reference for the review to be completed by May 2010 NAC.**

**Action 4: Airservices Australia to correlate RNP trial with Environmental Assessment including assessment of noise complaints.**

**Action 5: Brimbank City Council to provide contact details for Community Liaison Officers.**