

MELBOURNE AIRPORT COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP
Minutes – Tuesday 21 February 2012, 6:00-8:00pm
Melbourne Room, Melbourne Airport

Present:	Darrell Treloar	Independent Chair
	Susan Jennison	Community
	David O'Connor	Community
	Catherine Hunichen	Community / Noise Abatement Committee
	Brian Boyd	Victorian Trades Hall Council
	Catherine Hunichen	Noise Abatement Committee
	Domenic Isola	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council
	Adem Atmaca	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council
	Joseph Wheeler	Department of Transport & Infrastructure

Also in attendance were:

Matt Francis	Melbourne Airport
Jo Powell	Melbourne Airport
Sarah Jenkins	Melbourne Airport
Trent Kneebush	Melbourne Airport
Melaine Hearne	Melbourne Airport
Linc Horton	Melbourne Airport
Mark Cenin	Airservices

Apologies:	Chris Woodruff	Melbourne Airport
	Jeremy Parkinson	Department of Infrastructure
	Stephen Palombo	Board of Airline Representatives Australia

Number of public in attendance: 6

1. Introductions – Darrell Treloar, Chair

The Chair thanked all for attending and made special welcome to members of the public in attendance.

The Chair asked if there are any additions to the agenda.

- Susan Jennison – list provided to chair
- Catherine Hunichen – update on Noise Abatement Committee

2. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held 22 November 2011 – Darrell Treloar, Chair

It was **AGREED** that minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2011 be confirmed as an accurate representation of the meeting.

3. Public questions / submissions

Members of the public were offered the opportunity to ask questions to the CACG. Matters raised included the orientation of the third runway, noise and noise complaint handling.

1. Question by member of public. What factors are being considered in regard to the orientation of the third runway?

The alignment of the third runway is part of the Master Plan process, this includes a number of runway capacity studies which are currently underway. Numerous factors such as wind, aircraft size are considered. The Master Plan consultation period will cover the runway orientation.

2. Question by member of public. Sydney and Essendon have plans and initiatives in place such as curfews. Would Melbourne Airport consider implementing these in relation to the third runway and noise management?

Noise is an on-going issue presented to the CACG. The Master Plan will provide opportunities to raise issues and concerns relating to the third runway. The Curfew Free Status is an important market advantage for Melbourne Airport and provides social and economic benefits to the local and wider Victorian community.

3. Question by John Jennison. A380 aircraft are supposed to be less noisy, but they are slower and lower, therefore their noise is more intense for longer periods of time. Mr Jennison highlighted an incident from 27 November 2011 where an A380 passed Keilor at 14,00ft. The complaint was lodged with Airservices who provided flight track information when requested. Mr Jennison followed the complaint with Singapore Airlines with no response and was returned to Airservices. Residents have also taken their complaints to the media.

The Chair requested that Airservices consider Mr Jennison's complaint again and determine if there is further support it can provide in relation to the matter.

ACTION: Mark Cenin to assess the issue and consider what Airservices can do to assist further.

4. Environmental Monitoring Unit update, Mark Cenin – Airservices

Mr Cenin representative for Airservices provided an update on the status of the Melbourne Airport Environmental Monitoring Unit Review, advising that the report was in the final stage of completion and approval prior to being published. Mark explained that the consultation process had resulted in some changes to the recommendations made in the original draft, however this should present no dramatic surprises to the Members of the CACG, for example Airservices will look to undertake further data analysis at Keilor, the majority of existing monitors will stay in place and the use of portable short term monitors will be expanded. The Braybrook monitor was decommissioned, but recommended to be reinstated near Avondale Heights, while the Diggers Rest monitor remains scheduled to be decommissioned and removed. The final version of the document will be published on Airservices' website and provided to the CACG Secretariat for distribution to Members.

Susan Jennison, agreed that trialling of further areas in the Keilor region with the portable EMU is needed and that existing monitors should remain in place.

ACTION: Mark Cenin to provide Final EMU report to group.

5. CACG Airport Tour and Strategic Planning Workshop, Darrell Treloar

The Chair stated that it would be premature to adopt the CACG Strategic Plan 2011-2015 as the report was only distributed a few days ago. The Chair proposed that members review the plan and take it back to their constituencies for comment prior to further consideration at the next meeting, 10 May 2012 at Diggers Rest.

ACTION: The CACG Strategic Plan 2011-2015 will be listed on the agenda for the next meeting to be held on 10 May 2012 at Diggers Rest.

6. Local Government Planning and Melbourne Airport, David O'Connor

Community representative for Diggers Rest, David O'Connor presented on a local government zoning issue. He stated that he did not have a position on the issue, but believed these are the types of issues the CACG should be discussing.

The group discussed the Melton C121 - Diggers Rest Precinct Structure Plan (PSP 1073) and the following issues:

- An anomaly exists in Diggers Rest in relation to local government zoning within the Melton Shire Council
- The land in question has previously been zoned as residential, the land sits outside of the precinct structure plan but is still within the existing urban growth boundary
- The GAA have identified the land in question as an anomaly and have proposed it be rezoned to industrial
- Melbourne Airport have already made a submission to the GAA supporting that the land be zoned as industrial, this submission still stands
- Melton Shire Council have made a submission to the GAA to have the land retained for residential.

ACTION: The CACG to submit a letter to the GAA supporting the decision to rezone it to industrial. This issue will be supported as a matter of priority for safeguarding the airport's curfew free status.

7. Reports, Jo Powell

Melbourne Airport representative, Jo Powell provided an update on the work plan.

- Minister Albanese approved a 30 business day consultation period for the Southern Precinct Project. The consultation period will commence in early March and is expected to receive media coverage.

ACTION: Melbourne Airport to inform the CACG when the Public Exhibition period commences.

- Essendon Football Club – Community and Training Facility. Construction began on 1 Feb with the sod turning event. Club's ambition is to undertake construction during 2012 and have the training and community facilities available for the start of the 2013 season.

- APAC Drive On-ramp works are continuing. Freeway closures will be advised as necessary in conjunction with Vic Roads works on the M80. Closures will continue to be advertised on the Melbourne Airport website. The project is due to be complete by mid-year.
- Forecourt Development Stage 1 was completed on 22 December 2011. This has provided more efficient use of the forecourt during peak period. Planning is currently underway for Stage 2 of the project. Project implementation will begin in April, with construction planned for November.

8. Other business, Darrell Treloar

- 8.1. It was AGREED the meeting dates for 2012 and 2013 as shown in Report 9.1 be adopted. Venues have been confirmed to the extent that the venues allow.
- 8.2. Community representative, Susan Jennison acknowledged that a definitive answer has now been received in relation to insulation. Information was provided by Airservices Australia and distributed 8 February 2012 (Report 9.2 to this meeting).
- 8.3. Catherine Hunichen briefed the group on the minutes of the latest NAC meeting:
- A new chair has been appointed, Bryan Thompson of Melbourne Airport
 - Attendance was low
 - The Chair proposed the Terms of Reference be reviewed at the next meeting
 - The airports Master Plan process was presented by Trent Kneebush
 - An update on EMU and the noise reporting process was presented by Mark Cenin
 - A brief update on where the logical inclusions review was up to was presented by David Kirkland - no timeline for the public release as yet
 - The Noise Abatement Committee reviews noise complaints at each meeting. Oct-Nov saw a rise in the number of complaints compared to same time last year. This was attributed to the runway overlay works
 - The next meeting will be held Thursday 10 May 2012

Minutes of the above Noise Abatement Committee meeting and previous meetings can be found at:

<http://www.melbourneairport.com.au/About-Melbourne-Airport/Planning/Aircraft-Noise.html>

It was **AGREED** that an update on the Noise Abatement Committee be a regular agenda item moving forward.

- 8.4 Community representative for Keilor, Susan Jennison raised the following:
- Hard copies of AS2021-2000 Acoustics – Aircraft noise intrusion – Building Siting and Construction should be made available to CACG members. Catherine Hunichen stated that these are available at each local council.

ACTION: Melbourne Airport to purchase a copy of AS2021-2000 Acoustics – Aircraft noise intrusion – Building Siting and Construction for use by members.

- Exposure index reports – Sydney airport have a noise exposure forecast for each 10 year interval in the future. Melbourne Airport provides an ultimate capacity ANEF which is included in the Master Plan. Melbourne Airport are unable to provide a similar document to Sydney as the timing and orientation of future runways is relatively unknown.

- Media release – Melbourne Airport increased figures for international travel; is this reflected in an increase in the number of night flights? The figures reflect passenger numbers on existing services and the addition of daily services ie China Southern double daily.
ACTION: Matt Francis of Melbourne Airport to follow up with Susan Jennison.
- Aircraft noise levy act – is this or how is this applied to Melbourne Airport?

ACTION: Melbourne Airport to take this question on notice.

Supplied post meeting:

Answer: The *Aircraft Noise Levy Act 1995* does not apply to Melbourne Airport. The Act only applies to airports where noise amelioration works such as insulation programs were undertaken.

Note, as per previous CACG minutes, that the Australian Government has previously funded aircraft noise amelioration programs in Sydney and Adelaide. In these two locations residential properties within the 30 ANEF contour were eligible for an insulation grant for their properties, and public buildings (schools, child care centres, churches, hospitals) within the 25 ANEF contour were also eligible. There are no residential properties within the Melbourne Airport 30 ANEF contour, nor are there any public buildings within the Melbourne Airport 25 ANEF contour.

8.5 Community representative for Diggers Rest, David O'Connor presented questions emailed to him from local residents. The CACG will take this offline and help him respond. Questions raised were related to the ANEF overlay, state government boundaries and the role of community representatives.

8.6 Melbourne Airport representative, Matt Francis informed the group of the announcement by Qantas that it will be reviewing operations of its maintenance bases at Melbourne Airport and Avalon Airport. There will be immediate job losses in the Melbourne area. The Premier contacted Melbourne Airport directly to discuss the Qantas announcement and Melbourne Airport will work with the government to get the best possible outcome for Victoria and retain its skilled workforce capacity.

The Chair closed the meeting to the public at 7:20pm and thanked members of the gallery for their attendance. The meeting was adjourned for five minutes while the public left the room.

9. Confidential Item

10. Close

The Chair advised that the next meeting will be held on 10 May 2012 at Diggers Rest.

The meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

Actions Summary			
Meeting	Item	Lead	Status
21/02/2012	The Chair requested that Airservices again consider Mr Jennison's complaint regarding the A380 on 27 November 2011 and determine if there is further support it can provide in relation to the matter.	Mark Cenin	
21/02/2012	Mark Cenin to provide Final EMU report to group.	Mark Cenin	Circulated with minutes
21/02/2012	The CACG Strategic Plan 2011-2015 will be discussed the next meeting, 10 May 2012, Diggers Rest.	Darrell Treloar	On 10 May 2012 Agenda
21/02/2012	The CACG to submit a letter to the GAA supporting the decision to rezone to industrial. This issue will be supported as a matter of priority for safeguarding the airport's curfew free status.	Darrell Treloar	Letter sent 4 March, 2012. Copy distributed to members
21/02/2012	Melbourne Airport to inform the CACG when the Public Exhibition period commences for the Southern Precinct	Jo Powell	
21/2/2012	Melbourne Airport to purchase AS2021-2000 Acoustics – Aircraft noise intrusion – Building Siting and Construction	Jo Powell	Melbourne Airport has purchased. Copies are also available at Council Chambers.
21/02/2012	Melbourne Airport to identify whether there has been an increase in night flights following the recent passenger growth	Matt Francis	
21/2/2012	Melbourne Airport to take question on notice: Aircraft noise levy act – is this or how is this applied to Melbourne Airport?	Jo Powell	

