

# Parafield Airport Consultative Committee (PACC) Minutes of Meeting



**Date:** Thursday 15 August 2019

**Starting time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** PAL Management Centre, Building 18, Tigermoth Lane, Parafield Airport, South Australia 5108

## 1.0 Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1400 hrs and welcomed those present. It was noted that the Airport is delighted to welcome Sue Trussell as the new Parafield Airport Manager. Sue has a depth of experience, most recently working as the Property Manager at Parafield.

## 2.0 Attendance

| <b>Present</b>         | <b>Company</b>  |
|------------------------|---|
| Russell Synnot – Chair | Synnot & Wilkinson  |
| Kym Meys               | Parafield Airport Limited   |
| Brenton Cox            | Parafield Airport Limited   |
| Rob Kaftan             | Parafield Airport Limited   |
| Bill Allen             | Parafield Airport Limited   |
| Brett Eaton            | Parafield Airport Limited   |
| Stephanie Haines       | Parafield Airport Limited   |
| Matthew Eygenraam      | Parafield Airport Limited   |
| Sue Trussell           | Parafield Airport Limited   |
| Jamie Sangster         | Parafield Airport Limited   |
| Brenton Burman         | AECOM   |
| Adam Skubala           | Airservices Australia (ASA)   |
| Chris Wallace          | Airservices Australia (ASA)   |
| Robin Coleman          | City of Tea Tree Gully  |
| Matthew Polkinghorne   | Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI)           |
| Marcelo Alves          | Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC) |
| Karrylyne Johnson      | Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC) |
| Michael Brown          | Parliament of SA  |
| Peter Jensen           | City of Salisbury   |
| Peter Jansen           | City of Salisbury   |
| Johan Pienaar          | Flight Training Adelaide (FTA)  |
| Blair Boyer MP         | Parliament of SA  |
| David Blake            | Hartwig Air   |

| <b>Apologies</b> | <b>Company</b>  |
|------------------|---|
| Mark Young       | Parafield Airport Limited   |
| Emma Boulby      | Parafield Airport Limited   |
| Juergen Ruppert  | Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI)           |
| Russell McArthur | Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC) |

### **3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 16 May 2019**

Moved Johan Pienaar and Seconded Robin Coleman - the notes of the 16 May 2019 meeting be adopted and carried.

## **4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **4.1 Correspondence In:**

- Letter from the City of Salisbury regarding the Fly Friendly Policy
- Reports

### **4.2 Correspondence Out:**

- Response to a letter from the Federal Member for Makin
- Response to various letters from residents concerning Aircraft Noise
- Previous Minutes and Agenda
- Airservices Survey Request
- Announcement of Parafield Airport Manager

## **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **5.1 Update Report on PFAS Monitoring Program Results**

Please refer item 9.1.

### **5.2 The Commonwealth Department - Sun-Setting Regulations**

This item is progressing and has a completion date of 2024. No further update at this stage.

### **5.3 Fly Friendly Program**

Please refer item 7.6.

### **5.4 Noise complaint received via City of Salisbury**

For privacy reasons, the Chair checked with the complainant first before handing the complaint over to NCIS.

### **5.5 Report on the Airservices Survey Request**

This item will be held over to the November meeting.

## **6.0 AIRPORT UPDATE**

**6.1 Parafield Airport Limited (PAL) Report** – The report was tabled and taken as read.

**6.2 Property, Development and Land Use Report** – The report was tabled and taken as read.

**6.3 Environment Report** – The report was tabled and taken as read.

**6.4 Planning Co-ordination Forum (PCF) Report** – The report was tabled and the following was noted: The PCF agreed at the last meeting that DPTI would facilitate an Airport Policy Forum in Q3 2019 to inform the finalisation of the Planning & Design Code. This would include representatives the State Planning Commission, AAL, CASA, Airservices, key councils, DPTI, Defence and DIRDC. The PCF members will be kept informed of this working session.

An Airport Policy workshop will also be held in late August 2019, facilitated by DPTI to inform the Planning & Design Code. PCF members will be informed of this workshop and invited to attend.

**6.5 Technical Working Group (PATWG) –** ASA have advised they are looking to hire an additional staff member who will assist with morning departures. The Group discussed the Ground Running Policy which is currently under review. A report on the outcomes of the Ground running Policy review will be presented at the next meeting.

A member from the City of Salisbury asked if training flights could be directed away at certain times for memorial proceedings. PAL have contacted schools and all other operators to respect the specific time frames and ASA will do what they can to assist.

An air quality enquiry was received which was forwarded onto the Airport environment department. Discussions were held around a letter received from the City of Salisbury regarding proposed changes to the Fly Friendly Program. PAL have engaged the training schools about the proposed changes. Discussions were also held around Public Safety Areas and it was noted that NASAG will engage with State and Local Governments regarding the implementation of the guidelines. AAL are undertaking a drone monitoring program in preparation for implementing a drone management policy. It was noted the Commonwealth will be undertaking a review which will look at the noise requirements for drones, war birds, and supersonic aircraft.

## **7.0 COMMUNITY AND AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE**

**7.1 Federal Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC) Report –** The main focus of the NASAG will be implementing the guidelines and the group will be undertaking an implementation review in the last quarter of 2019. The outcomes of the implementation review will be made public after the Minister and Transport Infrastructure Council have approved. The Government has until the second half of September to table their Productivity Commission response in Parliament.

**7.2 State Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Report –** Nothing to report.

**7.3 Airservices Australia (ASA) Report –** There has been a general increase in training across all companies. There has also been a general increase in helicopter training. 46 complainants have lodged complaints which is a decrease from 64 complainants in quarter one 2019. 61% of these complainants had not contacted the NCIS previously.

It was noted that a number of councils have updated its local government Section 7 notice relating to aircraft noise as a result of a recent court action and legal advice. A template response to new property owners will now be provided. It was noted that new residents who had not undertaken full due diligence might not otherwise be aware of the amount of noise in certain locations. The Committee discussed it should be a requirement to provide specific housing information and that Councils and Real Estate Agents should be transparent. This item will be added to the agenda as a watching brief.

A detailed Airservices online noise reporting can be accessed here <http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/publications/noise-reports/noise-reports/>.

The method to lodge a complaint or make an enquiry about aircraft noise or operations with Airservices Noise Complaints and Information Service (NCIS) were noted:

- directly via [WebTrak](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/webtrak/) - [www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/webtrak/](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/webtrak/)
- using Airservices [online form](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/about-making-a-complaint/how-to-make-a-complaint/) – [www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/about-making-a-complaint/how-to-make-a-complaint/](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/about-making-a-complaint/how-to-make-a-complaint/)
- by **calling** 1800 802 584 (freecall).  
The hotline is staffed Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, from 9 am-5 pm Sydney time.
- by **fax** (02) 9556 6641 or
- by **mail** –  
Noise Complaints and Information Service  
PO Box 211, Mascot NSW 1460

#### **7.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report – Nothing to report.**

**7.5 Flight Training Adelaide (FTA) Uni SA Aviation Academy Report –** It was noted that it was business as usual. Student numbers haven't increased since the last meeting but FTA are sustaining current numbers. A question was asked if more flights will occur over summer. It was noted that as more students are taken into the school, flying activity levels will increase. However, as summer has longer daylight hours due to daylight savings, there are not many peak periods as the flying can be stretched over the day.

FTA were planning to move part of their school to Port Lincoln to reduce the circuit flying at Parafield and expand. FTA found resistance in this move and now will not be going ahead and will move all operations back in October. Consultation was undertaken with Port Lincoln early in the year and factual questions were asked but no push back until the discussion moved to a broader social media audience.

FTA will now migrate 100 students from South Australia to Queensland Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport in the next 12-16 months. Indigo have already approved 20 students to move to the new site and the course starts in February. FTA student's numbers at Parafield will initially drop by 100 but this will be a scaled drop, depending on the relative timing of the various courses. Approximately 24 employees and 38 aircraft will eventually be moved out of South Australia to Queensland. FTA are exploring other satellite runway options in SA. FTA are sympathetic to the local residents and are trying to be proactive and acknowledged that the loss of local jobs was the trade-off.

**7.6 City of Salisbury –** Lots of work has been undertaken by the PATWG regarding the proposed changes from the council on the Fly Friendly Program. The first step will be understanding the total number of take-offs, circuits and landings. The proposed changes in the letter could have a large impact on current operations. The Commonwealth Lease to PAL mandates that the Airport must stay open 24/7 so the Fly Friendly programme had to be voluntary. Circuit training is seen as the main issue. ASA/PAL/training schools are in discussions and items will be addressed as more information is available, particularly in relation to the shift of FTA business from Parafield to Toowoomba. The Committee will be updated at the next meeting.

In regard to the request to limit overflights of memorial services, it was noted that if a month's notice is given, it will help parties accommodate to avoid certain times such as Remembrance Day. PAL/ASA and FTA will work together to try and achieve this but it is always weather dependent. ASA cannot designate airspace but can help educate pilots on potential noise impacts.

The recent judicial review with the Supreme Court on the development approval by the City of Salisbury in regard to the proposed development immediately north of Parafield Airport – the Kings Point development was noted as having reached a confidential settlement out of court.

**7.7 City of Tea Tree Gully – Nothing to report.**

**8.0 OTHER / NEW BUSINESS –**

The Adelaide Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2019 was released for public consultation on 5 August 2019. Submissions close 28 October 2019.

**9.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**9.1 PFAS Update**

The Environment Manager displayed some charts and maps to the Committee which displayed the airports monitoring focus on the boundary locations to make sure the adjacent communities aren't affected. PFAS was found in 2 groundwater locations above the drinking water standard. As the groundwater is very salty, the water cannot be used for many purposes. No unregistered wells have been identified. 600 residents were door knocked and provided information about PFAS and one person was identified as using the water to water lawns. The risk to the community was noted as extremely low. New wells have been installed and will be monitored. A further update will be provided at the November meeting.

**10.0 ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**10.1 Update Report on PFAS Monitoring Program Results**

**10.2 The Departmental Review of Sun-Setting regulations Update**– ongoing item.

**10.3 Fly Friendly Program Report**

**10.4 Airservices Survey Request**

**10.5 Notification to new property owners**

**Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 14 November 2019**

**Meeting Closed – 2:55pm**