

Parafield Airport Consultative Committee (PACC) Minutes of Meeting



Date: Thursday 17 August 2023

Starting time: 2:00pm

Location: PAL Management Centre, Tigermoth Lane, Parafield Airport

1.0 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 2.04pm, welcomed those present acknowledging the traditional custodians, and then proceeded with the business as set out in the Agenda.

Attendance

Present	Company
Brenton BURMAN – Chair	Independent Chair
Brenton COX	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Brett EATON	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Tom GANLEY	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Tim GILL	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Peter INALL (<i>by teleconference</i>)	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)
Daniel KWEK	Uni SA
David Toy	Flight Training Adelaide (FTA)
Adam REED	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
James SANGSTER (<i>by teleconference</i>)	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Andrew Rodgers	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Samuel Dauner	John Fulbrook MP
Paul ARGENT (<i>by teleconference</i>)	DITRDCA
Alicia BICKMORE	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Kym MEYS	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Michael Pereira (<i>by teleconference</i>)	City of Tea Tree Gully
Stefan Smerdon (<i>by teleconference</i>)	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman
Andrew CHOWN	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Shiralee Reardon	City of Salisbury
Matt Fisher (<i>by teleconference</i>)	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited

Apologies	Company
Mark BASHAM	City of Port Adelaide Enfield
Pine PIENAAR	Flight Training Adelaide (FTA)
Sue TRUSSELL	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
John Devine	City of Salisbury

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 Tom Ganley and Tim Gill confirmed that the minutes of the 25 May 2023 meeting be adopted – Carried.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 **The Commonwealth Department - Sun-Setting Regulations** – Please refer item 6.1.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence In:

- Apologies and Reports

4.2 Correspondence Out:

- Previous Minutes, Agendas and Reports

5.0 AIRPORT UPDATE

5.1 Parafield Airport Limited (PAL) Report – The report was tabled and taken as read and the below was noted: With the quarter ending 30 June 2023, just over 50,000 movements were noted, for the same time last year it was approx. 40,000 which is an increase of 20% on the prior year. It was noted that over 90% of movements are training activity. It was noted that activity is slightly lower which can be explained by tower hours. It was noted that tower hours will be reduced until 30 September 2023.

The Lyell McEwin Hospital Helipad will be out of action for approx. 8 months. During this period Parafield will be used as an alternative helicopter landing site for the emergency helicopters. The helicopters will land via the Eastern helipad and taxi to the hardstand area adjacent the Eastern Gate. SA Ambulance (SAAS) will access the Helicopters via the Eastern Gate. Patients will then be driven to the Lyell McEwin hospital.

A question was asked around whether there was a maximum number of air traffic movements that could occur, it was noted that there are a number of air traffic constraints, so traffic movements will never exceed the ultimate capacity of the airport.

Sue Trussell is retiring and was thanked for years of service at Parafield Airport and Tom Ganley was congratulated and welcomed as the new Executive General Manager for Parafield Airport.

5.2 Property Development Report – The report was tabled and taken as read and it was noted: Commercial negotiations have also been finalised with the same developer to take 1.1ha located next to the Parafield Service Centre. PAL has considered and granted Development Approval for the majority of the proposal's elements, reserving its decision on a merit use proposal, being an indoor recreation facility in the form of a 24-hour gym. The merit use application element is subject to public and agency consultation, and PAL will give due regard to any submissions received in response to the consultation process, prior to making a decision on this element of the development. As part of the merit use and consultation process, a notification will be placed in the Advertiser online and in print. PAL continues to work with the Lessee to finalise information to enable the release of the application onto consultation.

5.3 Environment Report – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: The DITRDCA have concluded their PFAS preliminary site investigations at Parafield Airport (which commenced August 2022). The final report has been provided and AAL are continuing to share information in preparation for Phase 2 works. A summary of recent works by the Department and AAL/PAL were presented at the July PFAS Project Control Group held at AAL offices.

Routine ongoing compliance monitoring was undertaken throughout the quarter, including ongoing ecological assessment of the Vernal Pools and site stormwater sampling.

PAL has received feedback from most key stakeholders on the Environment Strategy included within the Parafield Airport Exposure Draft Master Plan 2024, including the Department for Environment and Water, South Australian EPA, and DITRDCA.

Parafield reported a reduction in air-based complaints over the period, and no ground-based noise complaints were received. During May, complaints were received via the Hon Blair Boyer from Golden Grove High School students regarding a lack of tree plantings at the new District Outlet Centre on Main North Road. A response was subsequently provided from AAL regarding the proposed landscaping for the site, which was yet to be completed.

5.4 Technical Working Group (PATWG) – A number of items were discussed including control tower hours, emergency service fact sheet, Master Plan and Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) modelling and development proposals which relate to public safety zones.

5.5 Parafield Airport Master Plan – AAL has provided the Parafield Airport Master Plan ‘Exposure Draft’ to key stakeholders for their review and comment and work to update and finalise the document in response to comments received. Once finalised this document will become the ‘Preliminary Draft Master Plan’ in readiness for the Public Consultation period. Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) modelling for endorsement continues and once finalised. ANEF consultation will take place with key stakeholders.

6.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE

6.1 DITRDCA – A verbal update was provided and the following was noted: 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 Windshear, Guideline C Wildlife Hazard management and guidelines D wind farms.

Since the last meeting, the Department has made 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 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

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 of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Report – No report.

6.3 AirServices Australia (ASA) Report – 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.

The air traffic movements were consistent with the previous quarter but did drop at the end of July which can be explained by tower hours reducing and weather. 16 individual complainants were received with 291 contacts and 4 new complainants. 5 suburbs recorded a complainant, Mawson Lakes and Parafield Gardens both had 6. Two suburbs recorded a single complainant. The main issues were training, general aviation traffic and night movements.

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.

6.5 Flight Training Adelaide (FTA) – It was noted that July was a good month and student numbers will be consistent through to October but will wind down at the end of the year and then settle to 2017/2018 activity levels.

6.6 Bruce Hartwig Flying School Report – No report.

7.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

7.1 Planning Co-ordination Forum (PCF) Report – 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, employment etc. It was noted Parafield Airport is a major employment base and student training school and it was recommended that members review the Plan.

7.2 City of Salisbury (CoS) – No report.

7.3 City of Tea Tree Gully – No report.

8.0 OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

9.0 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS

10.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9 November 2023 at 2.00pm.

Meeting Closed at 2:41pm