

Parafield Airport Consultative Committee (PACC) Minutes of Meeting



Date: Thursday 19 August 2021

Starting time: 2:00pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

1.0 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 1400 hrs. and welcomed those present.

A reminder to all members that the correspondence distributed is confidential until passed by vote of the Committee at the following meeting.

2.0 Attendance

Present	Company
Russell Synnot – Chair	Synnot & Wilkinson
Alicia Bickmore	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Brenton Cox	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Emma Boulby	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Jamie Sangster	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Kym Meys	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Matthew Eygenraam	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Sue Trussell	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Derek Pratt	Aerostar
Alby Goodsell	Airservices Australia
Tim Gill	Airservices Australia
Adam Duncan	City of Salisbury
Peter Jensen	City of Salisbury
Karryne Johnson	Department of Infrastructure
Russell McArthur	Department of Infrastructure
Pine Pienaar	Flight Training Adelaide (FTA)
Mirjam Wiedemann	Uni SA
Emily Kirkpatrick	SA Health
Lorraine Williams	Department of Trade and Investment
Taliessin Reaburn	Department of Trade and Investment
Bradley Currie	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman
Robin Coleman	City of Tea Tree Gully
Mike Wilde	Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)

Apologies	Company
Mark Young	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Adam Skubala	Airservices Australia
Peter Jansen	City of Salisbury

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 20 May 2021

The Minutes were moved by Sue Trussell and Seconded Robin Coleman - the notes of the 20 May 2021 meeting be adopted and carried.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence In:

- Reports
- Various emails from local residents
- Letter from the City of Salisbury re Proposed Quarantine Facility at Parafield Airport

4.2 Correspondence Out:

- Previous Minutes and Agendas
- Responses from Parafield Airport and the Chair to the City of Salisbury

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 The Commonwealth Department - Sun-Setting Regulations

The outcomes of previous consultation will be used to inform options presented for stakeholder feedback. The work will be staged thematically over the coming three years, with an initial focus on cutting red tape, duplication and inconsistency in reporting requirements.

- Stage 1 issues paper to be circulated to stakeholders for comment before the end of 2021.
 - Stage 1 internal airport operations.
- Later stages subject to consultation throughout 2022.
 - Stage 2 streamlining Commonwealth responsibilities for the control of on-airport activities.
 - Stage 3 increasing flexibility & modernising environmental, building control and airspace frameworks.
 - Stage 4 progressing legislative reforms to the Airports Act.

CACGs consulted as part of Stage 3 consultation (encompassing building control, environment protection and protection of airspace) and Stage 4 amendments to the Airports Act and Major Development Plan triggers.

5.2 Notification to new property owners

Please refer item 9.2.

5.3 CASA – Review of Adelaide Airspace

A draft report is with CASA for review. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

6.0 AIRPORT UPDATE

6.1 Parafield Airport Limited (PAL) Report

The report was tabled and taken as read. The following was noted: Given the ongoing international border restrictions and volatility regarding COVID, PAL wrote to the Deputy Prime Minister on 5 August seeking a two year extension for the PAL Master Plan following discussions with DITRDC. In its letter, PAL noted that it would currently be extremely difficult to forecast Parafield Airport activities with any certainty and such, a forecast would not be a true representation of forecasts for the purposes of public consultation. DITRDC has informed PAL that given they are expecting international borders to reopen mid to late 2022, they have recommended an 18 month extension to be signed off by the Deputy Prime Minister. This extension would mean the PAL Master plan is due in June 2024.

It was noted that the Parafield Manager has personally spoken to all businesses in proximity to the Proposed Quarantine Facility at Parafield Airport to discuss any concerns regarding the quarantine facility and noted some businesses have written directly to the Commonwealth.

6.2 Property Development Report

The report was tabled and taken as read.

6.3 Environment Report

The report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: EnRisks have completed a draft Human Health Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA) for Parafield Airport, which includes the latest investigation results. The results of HHERA indicate that PFAS risk to human health and ecology at Parafield Airport is low and acceptable with current risk management approaches. The draft has been reviewed by the PFAS Project Control Group and the final version has been published on Parafield Airport's website [here](#). The PFAS Management Plan for Parafield Airport will now be finalised.

6.4 Technical Working Group (PATWG)

A number of items were discussed including the proposed international student quarantine facility and it was noted that once the documentation for the facility was agreed and signed, it would take a further 8-12 weeks to open. It was noted the documentation hasn't been signed.

7.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE

7.1 Department of Infrastructure

Extension of Australian Government COVID-19 Support

- Domestic Aviation Network Support (DANS) and the Regional Airline Network Support (RANS) programs extended until 31 December 2021.
- Airservices Australia fee waiver extended until 31 December 2021.
- Domestic Airports Security Costs Support extended until 31 December 2021.
- Tourism Aviation Network Support program extended until 30 November 2021.
- Aviation Services Accreditation Support extended until 31 December 2021.
- A new Retaining Domestic Airline Capability (RDAC) program to assist airlines maintain core sovereign domestic airline capabilities through the retention of essential aviation sector skills and knowledge, which will run until 31 December 2021.

The Government has provided airlines with more than \$4.9 billion in assistance so far.

7.2 State Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Report

Intersection Upgrade - Main North Road, Kings Road and McIntyre Road

The transfer of a small parcel of airport land to the State to facilitate the upgrade of the intersection as part of a jointly funded Commonwealth and State project costing around \$13M has been finalised with major construction works being undertaken as part of the intersection upgrade. The SA Commissioner of Highways (COH) is undertaking works on PAL's land as part of the upgrade of the intersection. Project completion is expected by early August. Further details on the project can be found on the [DIT website](#).

7.3 AirServices Australia (ASA) Report

It was noted that the traffic movement numbers at Parafield Airport have softened.

It was noted that complaints are lower than the 3 year average due to the reduction in movement numbers. The main area of concern across May, June and July were fixed wing circuit training.

The Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (ANO) has recently completed an investigation into complaints about flight paths and aircraft operations over inner Melbourne. The lessons from the investigation include:

- Community engagement should consider a wider audience than the CACG and communities located immediately surrounding an airport;
- Communities under or near flight paths need to be considered as part of the engagement activities; and
- Sightseeing operations that occur a considerable distance away from airports can have an impact on communities sensitive to aircraft noise.

The ANO made three recommendations which Airservices has accepted.

The recommendation relevant to this CACG is that:

- *Airservices invite the CACG to review the adequacy of their representation of their community membership given that the aircraft noise from “smart tracking” flightpaths and sightseeing operations affects areas at considerable distances from airports*

For further information the full ANO report is available at: www.ano.gov.au

To aid the CACG in reviewing the adequacy of your membership and representation we have completed the following:

- We have undertaken a review of aircraft noise complaint hotspots for each CACG location and have shared this information with the airport and CACG chair;
- The complaints hotspots cover the last three years to provide insight into complaints pre-COVID and current operations; and
- Detailed information on complaints issues covering 2017 to date are available on our interactive tool available at [here](#).

The CACG might also consider the following:

- Identifying communities under existing and future flight paths as published in the current Master Plan;
- Identifying communities under existing and future Number Above noise contour in either the current Master Plan or relevant Major Development Plans/Approvals documents (as appropriate); and
- Speaking with your operators to identify sightseeing or unusual operations which may impact communities.

For future flight path change projects:

- We will request the CACG to consider an expansion of community membership to include potentially affected locations for the duration of the project.

It was noted that noise complainant data from the last 3 years was sent to the Chair to assist with establishing the correct attendance coverage for the Committee. It was noted that over the last 3 years, complainants were received from 32 suburbs around the airport. A break down is below:

- 15 suburbs had only 1 complainant in 3 years;
- 17 suburbs had more than 1 complainant;
- 8 suburbs had more than 5 complainants; and
- 2 suburbs had more than 10 complainants.

Mawson Lakes and Pooraka had the highest number of complainants and it was noted the City of Salisbury has good representation on the Committee.

A detailed AirServices online noise reporting can be accessed [here](#).

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](#)
- using AirServices [online form](#)
- by **calling** 1800 802 584 (freecall) (Due to COVID-19 this number isn't available)
The hotline is staffed Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, from 9 am-5pm 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 – No report.

7.5 Flight Training Adelaide (FTA) / Uni SA Aviation Academy Report

It was noted that the Parafield Airport Report provided reflects the current student numbers accurately. FTA are currently operating at 30-35% of where they were 12 months ago. It was noted

FTA are very reliant on international students and has been significantly impacted by ongoing international border closures. It was noted FTA is in hibernation mode this year.

It was noted that the Uni SA haven't lost any aviation students as the students were here before the pandemic but noted they will feel the impact of no new students next year as a result of the closed international border.

7.6 Bruce Hartwig Flying School Report – No report.

7.7 Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) – Review of Adelaide Airspace

Please refer item 5.3.

8.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

8.1 Planning Co-ordination Forum (PCF) Report

The Report was tabled and taken as read.

8.2 City of Salisbury (CoS)

The Committee was informed that flights interrupted the Long Tan Veterans Memorial Day services. It was noted that notifications are usually received by AirServices Australia a few weeks prior to the service but nothing was received. If a notification is received then AirServices Australia will undertake what is reasonably practicable to avoid interruptions during services.

8.3 City of Tea Tree Gully – No report.

9.0 OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Airborne Gravity Survey – Geoscience Australia

No update.

9.2 Proposed Buckland Park Development

A number of maps were shown to the Committee displaying the flights that overfly the Buckland Park area based on AirServices Australia data. Based on recorded flights in 2019, approximately 100 aircraft per day passed over the Buckland Park area. As predicted in the 20-year plan, this number would grow to 140 flights per day. If this area was to be developed as residential, then a letter informing all buyers of aircraft noise would be encouraged, similar to the letter the City of Salisbury produce. The Chair thanked ASA for their hard work in collecting the data.

9.3 Consultative Committee and Technical Working Group Chair – Expression of Interest Process

An Expression of Interest (EOI) document was circulated to all Committee members and was also sent to two prospective candidates. It was noted submissions closed on 17 September 2021. A recommendations panel has been created which is comprised of six Adelaide and Parafield Committee members with the panel to make a recommendation to the Airport Managing Director for decision. It was requested that the Committee consider the EOI, noting the key requirement of independence and send any potential candidates to Alicia Bickmore.

9.4 Russell McArthur

It was noted that Russell McArthur would be moving to AirServices Australia. The Committee thanked Russell for his service to airports and the Committee over his 16 years of tenure in DITRC. Russell's incredible range of aircraft knowledge, support and commitment to the Committee was acknowledged.

10.0 PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Parafield Airport Proposed International Student Quarantine Facility – Department for Trade and Investment (Department) and SA Health

The significant impact of COVID-19 on the SA economy was noted. The Department has been working on a solution to bring international students back to South Australia. The Department is following the strict protocols of SA Health and noted 10,000 students are enrolled offshore and these students are returning students and know South Australia well and want to continue their studies in the State.

The Department and SA Health looked at numerous locations around the State that would be suitable to house international students. For the location to be suitable, certain criteria needed to be followed, including being close to an International Airport and close to hospital facilities. As the Flight Training Adelaide facility provides student accommodation under the permitted use in its lease with PAL, only minor amendments would be needed. The number one goal was to make a safe environment and learn from the Medi hotel experience. It was noted that the students wanted to quarantine together and the facility could allow 4 students to quarantine together.

Daily testing would occur for students and staff. It was noted students would be accepted from low-risk counties and vaccinations and testing would be paramount. It was noted that neighboring companies were being consulted and any security or infrastructure concerns were handled and fed into the operational plan. The Department is hopeful the facility would be up and running by the end of the year.

11.0 ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

11.1 Commonwealth Sun-Setting regulations – ongoing item

11.2 CASA Airspace Review Report

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 18th November 2021 2.00pm

Meeting Closed – 3:05pm