

COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP (CACG)

Meeting minutes — Tuesday 16 April 2019, 2pm–5pm

Maribyrnong Room, RDP Office, Building 64, Melbourne Airport Tullamarine

CACG Members

Present:

Kim Jordan	Independent Chair
Susan Jennison OAM	Community representative
David Cleland	Community representative
David O'Connor	Community representative
Cr Jack Medcraft	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council
Petrus Barry	Local government officer, Moonee Valley City Council
Liz Beattie	Victorian Trades Hall Council (proxy for Luke Hilakari)
Fred Ackerman	Community representative
Peter Hurst	Community representative
David Kirkland	Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (proxy for Jane Homewood)
Michael Sharp	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council
Steve Finlay	Local government officer, Melton City Council (proxy for Bob Baggio)

Apologies:

Kathryn Hodges	Melbourne Airport
Caroline Doherty	Melbourne Airport

Other representatives present

Michael Jarvis	Melbourne Airport
Jai McDermott	Melbourne Airport
Paige Ricci	Melbourne Airport
Bill Hambly-Clark	Airservices Australia
Rachael Edginton	Airservices Australia

Joanna Kormas

Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Kathryn Kominek

Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities

1. Welcome and introduction

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted as listed above.

3. Confirmation of November 2018 meeting minutes

The Chair referred to the minutes from the CACG meeting held on 20 November 2018. The minutes of the meeting were **AGREED** and **CONFIRMED** by the group.

Action: Paige Ricci to upload November 2018 meeting minutes onto the Melbourne Airport website.

4. Items of other business

Susan Jennison - Asked for clarification about the compulsory acquisition of land along McNabs Rd, Keilor.

Liz Beattie – Asked about the Essendon Airport Master Plan and suggested CACG consider making a submission.

5. Reports

5.1 Melbourne Airport Quarterly Report – Jai McDermott

Jai McDermott, Executive Corporate and Public Affairs (Melbourne Airport), provided a verbal summary of the Melbourne Airport Quarterly report.

CACG raised a question about the number of construction jobs to be created with the amount of works Melbourne Airport is and will soon embark on.

CACG raised a question on the health and safety of employees regarding PFAS. Melbourne Airport said it has spoken to all employees and contractors regarding safe workplaces.

A CACG member wanted Melbourne Airport to note that the sale of the former Calder Rise Primary School and Keilor Primary School was proceeding.

Michael Jarvis, Executive Planning, provided an update to one of the planning applications Melbourne Airport has had involvement with. Mr Jarvis advised that the applicant for a proposed caravan and camping ground at 1376-1432 Calder Highway, Diggers Rest has lodged an appeal with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT). A question was raised by CACG as to whether

Melbourne Airport was having much success at VCAT with the tribunal abiding by the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay (MAEO). Melbourne Airport said it felt that VCAT was trying to respect the MAEO.

ACTION: Melbourne Airport to provide an estimate of the number of construction jobs to be created

5.2 Community Engagement Report – Paige Ricci

Paige Ricci - Community Engagement Advisor (Melbourne Airport), provided a verbal summary of the Melbourne Airport Quarterly report.

5.5 Airservices Australia Report – Bill Hambly-Clark

Bill Hambly-Clark – Airservices Australia, provided an update on the consultation Airservices undertook regarding the changes to Runway 09. A summary of that feedback is available on the Airservices website and changes will be implemented in June.

Mr Hambly-Clark also provided an update on the Keilor East noise monitoring station, which has been offline since January 2019. Mr Hambly-Clark said Airservices was currently negotiating with the landowner to relocate the noise monitor and hoped to have the monitor online by the end of April. CACG asked why Airservices were not negotiating with Park Victoria to place the noise monitor at the back of the Horseshoe Bend reserve. Mr Hambly-Clark took the question on notice.

Airservices noise complaints for quarter 4 of 2018 and the 2018 year in review is now available on the Airservices website.

CACG member David O'Connor commented that Diggers Rest does not feature prominently in the noise report as it has in previous years. He attributed that to the campaigning done by the community to ensure Melbourne Airport is respectful of the overlays and aircraft do not continuously fly over houses in Diggers Rest and that's being reflected in the suburb's omission in the noise complaint report from Airservices Australia.

Mr Hambly-Clarke advised approach controllers are aware of the issue and have been managing departures where possible to reduce noise issues in Diggers Rest.

6 Presentations

6.1 Gateway – Paige Ricci

Paige Ricci - Community Engagement Advisor (Melbourne Airport), confirmed Gateway would return in the second half of 2019. Gateway will primarily be a digital publication, with hard copies available at numerous community drop points as well as people having the option to receive a hard copy.

6.2 Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay (MAEO) update – Joanna Kormas

Joanna Kormas – Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning provided an overview of the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay. Ms Kormas confirmed a review of the MAEO and strategy plan would be undertaken once the 2018 Melbourne Airport Master Plan was approved.

6.3 Community Investment Program – Jai McDermott

Jai McDermott – Executive Corporate and Public Affairs (Melbourne Airport), provided an overview of Melbourne Airport’s community investment program.

Mr McDermott said Melbourne Airport had reviewed its community investment program and acknowledged that in the past, while the airport had the best of intentions, it has not executed the program well. As a result of that review Melbourne Airport has made a number of important investments in the community and was open about where the money was being spent and why.

Melbourne Airport has doubled its community investment this year and will increase its total investment over the next two years.

Mr McDermott highlighted that the program targets local communities in the areas of education, employment, environment and newly arrived migrant and refugee communities.

Melbourne Airport has increased its support of Western Chances, as well as undertaking a new conservation program at Organ Pipes National Park with Conservation Volunteers Australia.

Melbourne Airport will soon launch a new grants program targeting local neighbourhood houses and the vast programs they offer local communities.

6.4 2018 Master Plan, Michael Jarvis

Michael Jarvis – Executive Planning (Melbourne Airport), gave an update on the 2018 Melbourne Airport Master Plan. Mr Jarvis said the airport had received confirmation that the master Plan had been approved and that public notices advising of the approval would be published on April 30.

He said some changes had been requested by the Minister prior to approval and that those changes essentially relate to fixing typographic errors, ensuring the document used consistent language and further clarification of runway modes as outlined by Airservices Australia and CASA.

6.5 CACG Review, Kim Jordan

New CACG chair, Kim Jordan, provided an overview of the CACG review she undertook as part of her appointment. Ms Jordan addressed each of the recommendations contained in the report. She then suggested that CACG members email their feedback, suggestions and comments so that she can collate into a final document.

7 CACG business

Land acquisition McNabs Rd, Keilor- Kathryn Kominek from the federal Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities explained that the land acquired was the last parcel of land needed for the airport expansion. She said the acquisition related to four road parcels – they belonged to a local council, the State Government and one was part of an estate from John Fawkner. She noted this process is a formality that involves no change to previously published expansion plans; and that DIRDC had been in contact with all affected landowners well prior to the formal notification

Ms Kominek outlined the acquisition and compensation process undertaken by the Commonwealth when acquiring land.

Essendon Airport Master Plan – the chair suggested this item be discussed via email given the CACG member who raised it left the meeting.

8 Next CACG meeting

The next CACG meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 June 2019 in the Maribyrnong Room, RDP Office, Building 64, Melbourne Airport Tullamarine.

Summary of actions

Date	Action requested	Responsible person	Deadline	Closed? Action taken if different to the request
16/4/19	Airservices to provide an update on the Keilor noise monitoring station	Airservices Australia	Next CACG meeting	
16/4/19	CACG members to provide CACG chair their comments regarding the CACG review	Kim Jordan	End of April	
16.4/19	Is there a correlation between increase in movements or runways used and number of complaints?	Airservices Australia	Next CACG meeting	
16/4/19	Melbourne Airport to provide an estimate of construction jobs to be created with all the new building works	Melbourne Airport	Next CACG meeting	