



**CANBERRA AIRPORT
COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP**

**2.00pm – Thursday, 23 July 2020
Via Teams**

MEETING NOTES

The Canberra Airport CACG membership consists of representatives from Canberra Airport, Community Groups, Aviation Industry Organisations, Government Agencies, Tourism Industry and Business groups.

The Independent Chair of the CACG is Bob Ross.

Noel McCann, Director of Planning & Government Relations, Canberra Airport Susan Mulligan, Executive Assistant, Canberra Airport Natalia Weglarz, Town Planner, Canberra Airport
Independent CACG Chair & representing Pialligo Residents Association (PRA)
North Canberra Community Council (NCCC)
Fernleigh Park Community Association (FPCA)
Jerrabomberra Residents Association (JRA)
Gungahlin Community Council (GCC)
Weston Creek Community Council (WCCC)
Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC)
Ridgeway Community Group (RCG)
Airservices Australia (ASA)
ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD)
ACT Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC)

SUMMARY OF ATTENDEES

Community Groups Note: Chair represents 2	8	Canberra Airport	3
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	1	ACT Government	2
NSW DPE	0		
NSW SRBEC	0		
Commonwealth Government		Total	14
DITRDC	0		
ASA	1		
ANO	0		

1. MEETING FORMALITIES

1.1 Welcome and Notation of Apologies

The Teams meeting commenced at 2.00pm. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, the representative from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications was unable to participate in the meeting.

The Independent Chair, Bob Ross, introduced himself and those present did likewise.

The following apologies were noted:

-) Qantas Airways
-) Swissport
-) Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
-) NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
-) NSW South Region Business Enterprise Centre
-) RAAF 34 Squadron
-) Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development

1.2 Declaration of Impartiality by the Chair

As President of the Pialligo Residents Association as well as representing the North Canberra Community Council, the Chair declared that should any issues of impartiality be raised during the meeting, he would address them in an appropriate manner.

1.3 2020 CACG Representation

Persons nominated to represent their community groups on the CACG for 2020 were noted.

1.4a Notation of Correspondence since the last meeting

The correspondence listed since the last meeting was noted.

1.4b Notation of Meeting/Consultations

The list of Meetings/Consultations attended by Canberra Airport in 2019 to date was noted.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING NOTES OF CACG MEETING HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2019

The Meeting Notes of CACG Meeting held on 24 October 2019 were accepted.

3. CANBERRA AIRPORT

3.1 COVID-19 and Airline Activity

3.2 Current Airline Schedule

3.3 Body Temperature Scanning for Passenger Safety

3.4 Airport Infrastructure

3.5 MDP Investment Projects

3.6 Airport Development

3.7 Constitution Place

3.8 Consultation, including CRJO

3.9 Drive-in Movies

3.10 Communications

The Meeting Brief distributed with the agenda covering the above agenda items was noted.

In addition to the Meeting Brief, Mr McCann advised the following in terms of the aviation sector of the business:

-) 10% aircraft movements, 5% or less passengers, 2% of what it was two months ago.
-) Parts of the Terminal had been ‘put to sleep’ by turning off air-conditioning, lighting etc, however maintenance works in the Terminal and airfield continued.
-) The Taxiway Bravo expansion project would be complete and operational by mid-August.
-) The Government executive fleet currently represented the busiest aircraft movements at Canberra Airport.

FPCA enquired about the Portable Air Base (PAB) and Mr McCann advised it was the bushfire base at Fairbairn where the aircraft and helicopters refuelled and recharged with fire retardant and these aircraft even had priority over the Prime Minister’s fleet. The DC10 seemed to return in less than forty minutes and it had been interesting when it flew over Canberra suburbs.

Airservices said the DC10 had caused a bit of disruption to general aviation and RPT aircraft resulting in complaints about delays. These fire-fighting aircraft were given first priority and the DC10s were returning in 10-15 minutes – it was a very busy time.

Mr McCann advised the Airport had been approached by the ACT-ESA and the Commonwealth about having a Permanent Air Base at Fairbairn and if confirmed, that would be worked through over the next twelve months.

Following the meeting, FPCA advised (via email) that he was “..interested in why it is called “Portable” if it is to be a permanent fixture, and also how allocating space for such operations in the future would impact on plans the Airport has for expansion and new facilities”.

The Airport subsequently responded as follows:

To answer your question, it is called a Portable Air Base (PAB) because for the last two bushfire seasons it has literally been stood up in late September / October and stood down in late March/April. Given the extraordinary bushfire season we’ve just experienced, and the experts predict longer seasons, the authorities (ACT ESA and the Commonwealth) are to confirm if three Permanent Air Bases in Canberra, Rockhampton, Qld and Avalon, Vic are to operate. As for the impact of this on the Airport’s plans for expansion and new facilities, once we know the requirements for a Permanent Air Base for fire-fighting, we will be able to work out our planning strategy for that as well as for freight hub etc.

4. AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA

4.1 General Briefing, including Noise Complaints and Flight Paths

Airservices spoke to the Powerpoint presentation as follows:

- J Mr Kieran Pehm was appointed as the new Aircraft Noise Ombudsman in February 2020. He has extensive and wide-ranging experience in complaints management and investigations.
- J Public comment closed on 8 July 2020 with regard to the Flight Path Design Principles that would apply to new flight path and airspace change projects from July 2020. Feedback from the consultation process has led to the development of the final Flight Path Design Principles and Application Notes.
- J The Powerpoint included information on Document Release and the rationale behind the changes.
- J Noise reports for January-June (compiled monthly) were available on the Airservices website.

- J Overall the number of complainants across Australia had increased from April to June due to more people working from home, particularly in the vicinity of airports.

4.2 NCIS response to request for short-term noise monitor at The Ridgeway

Due to COVID-19, this has been put on hold until airport operations resume.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Community Groups

No written reports were received.

JRA advised that roadworks had progressed quickly around Jerrabomberra with the intersection going into Environa Drive (leading to South Jerrabomberra) expected to be complete by March 2021. The Ellerton Drive extension was now open and “you should take a drive as it is a nice bit of bitumen”. The downside is more traffic going through Jerrabomberra and there are no noise walls which could be an issue in the future. The drive into Jerrabomberra had quite a different look and feel than six months ago.

The Chair advised he would be interested to see how the development from Jerrabomberra into Yass Road was going to impact Pialligo. At times traffic in Pialligo was chaotic due to the influx of regional traffic, not necessarily because of the Airport.

5.2 Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities

- a) National Airports Safeguarding Framework (NASF)

The Department’s Briefing Paper was noted.

5.3 Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Update

- a) Economic Development
- b) Roads – Queanbeyan Road 92 to Braidwood, Ellerton Drive Extension, Old Cooma Road upgrades
- c) Approval and development progress South and West Jerrabomberra, including South and North Tralee, Poplars and Forest lands
- d) OLS Approvals at Googong Urban Release Area and LGA generally
- e) Environa Solar Farm status

QPRC spoke to the Meeting Brief as follows:

- J In terms of Economic Development, there was quite a bit happening, including a new Queanbeyan CBD Place Plan which was currently on exhibition.

- J) Work continues on the new Civic and Cultural Precinct with lodgment of the Development Application which is to be determined by the Southern Joint Regional Planning Panel.
- J) Council is working with the Airport and Commonwealth Department on alternative arrangements relating to OLS issues.

5.4 ACT Government Update

- a) 2018 ACT Planning Strategy
- b) International Engagement
- c) Eastern Broadacre – Draft Strategic Assessment
- d) Implementation of NASF
- e) Moving Canberra – progress
- f) Duplication of Pialligo Avenue to Queanbeyan
- g) Territory Plan review – program

EPSDD spoke to the Meeting Brief as follows:

In terms of the Eastern Broadacre draft Strategic Assessment, EPSDD advised that due to Covid it would be further delayed and there was no timeframe to commence public notification because it was a statutory process under Commonwealth legislation. When ready, he would specifically brief the CACG on a number of recommendations for the eastern side of Canberra.

The Chair said if the Pialligo Avenue duplication went ahead – and he had heard a rumour it was not going ahead – there would be ramifications for the Pialligo community.

EPSDD undertook to contact the responsible Project Officer in Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) and advise of these concerns and recommend that they should, at the appropriate time, consult the Pialligo community. He believed the rumour it may not go ahead was incorrect and, if anything, it could be deferred but not taken off the agenda altogether.

The Chair asked about the Territory Plan review and where that might be up to and what might eventuate from it?

EPSDD advised he could not elaborate further to what was in his Meeting Brief, however he hoped to be in a position to provide more information at the next CACG meeting.

5.5 NSW Department of Planning and Environment Update

- a) South and West Jerrabomberra
- b) Implementation of NASF
- c) Implementation and monitoring of South East and Tablelands Regional Plan 2036
- d) Future Transport 2056 – Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan

The Meeting Brief was noted.

6. OTHER BUSINESS AS RAISED AT THE MEETING

It was noted that due to the ACT election being held on 17 October, the Government would enter caretaker mode on 11 September.

7. NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting was proposed for Thursday, 19 November 2020, to be confirmed by release of agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2.55pm.