

Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport Community Aviation Consultation Groups Joint Meeting
Minutes – 5 December 2023

Date: 5 December 2023
Starting Time: 10.00am
Location: Bankstown Airport Terminal and Teams link

This special joint meeting of the Community Aviation Consultation Groups (CACGs) for Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport was held for the primary purpose of a briefing by the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (“Department”) on Western Sydney International Airport (WSI) and its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS),

1. Attendees & Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 10am with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed those present.

Present	Company/Organisation
Brenton Burman – Chair	AECOM
Andrew Raeburn	AECOM
Daniel Jarosch	Aeria Management Group (AMG)
Daniel Brandon	AMG
Tom Smith	AMG
David Binskin	AMG
Peter Munro	AMG
Stefan Kennedy	AMG
David McMahon	Department
Danny Namgyal	Department
Joshua Haze-Moran	Department
David Jansen	Department
Peter Inall	Department
Matt Shepherd	Department technical consultant
Timothy Gill	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Darren Swain	ASA
Dennis Clifford	ASA
Annette Dittmar	ASA
Kelli Bennett-Smith	Office of Angus Taylor, MP for Hume
Kylie Wilkinson	MP for East Hills
Melinda Hall	Office of Sally Quinell, MP for Camden

Jenny Noble	City of Canterbury Bankstown
Hayley Neville	Camden Council
Bradley Colling	Camden Council
Charmaine Cooper	Camden Council
Rachael Atkinson	Camden Airport CACG Community Member
Robert Eaglesham	Camden Airport CACG Community Member
Kai Love	Camden Airport CACG Community Member
Glenda Davis	Camden Residents' Action Group
Andrew Andersen	General Aviation Advisory Network (GAAN)
Matthew Kline	AirMed
David Orszaczky	AMSL Aero
Jeffrey Remington	Australian Air League
John Papantoniou	Bankstown Entertainment Park
David Mann	Basair
Adrian De Luca	Basair
David White	Curtis Aviation
Thien Tong	Georges River Grammar School
Anne Parnham	Greater Narellan Business Chamber
Robert Bentley-Johnston	Heliflite
Mark Perich	Leppington Pastoral
Warren Boon	NETS
Tony Luck	Padstow Rotary Club
Peter Gibson	Phoenix Aero Club
Fazila Farhad	South West Sydney Tourism Taskforce
Dave Boulter	Southern Cross Gliding Club
Macolm Good	UNSW
Davin Magee	World Fuel Services

2. Review of Minutes from previous meeting

The Draft Minutes of the previous meetings of the Bankstown and Camden Airport CACGs (held on 24 August 2023 and 23 March 2023, respectively), were circulated to members following the previous meetings. No updates were provided and, therefore, the Minutes now form an endorsed record of these meetings.

3. AMG update

AMG representatives provided an overview of matters relating to Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport, detailed in a presentation document to be published on the AMG website, including:

- Bankstown Airport being named Metro Airport of the Year at the national airport industry awards

- Altitude Premier Logistics Estate winning the Greater Western Sydney Industrial Project of the Year Award
- AMG's support for community and non-profit organisations and events, including a new partnership with Little Wings to deliver an extra 65 missions a year for seriously ill children in regional areas and partnership with the City of Canterbury Bankstown on its CB Evolve event
- AMG's commitment to sustainability measures and initiatives, including the awarding of a 5 Star Green Star rating for Altitude Premier Logistics Estate – Warehouse 1 and continued expansion of solar power across Aeria precinct. By the end of 2024, renewables will power 100% of Bankstown Airport operations and 30% of customers' electricity needs
- AMG's investments in general aviation infrastructure, including car park and stormwater upgrades at Camden Airport and major airside pavements upgrade at Bankstown Airport
- AMG's investments in broader infrastructure and facilities for customers, including the ongoing upgrade of Tower/Link Road, major intersection upgrades, delivery of additional industrial warehouses at Aeria precinct and ongoing infrastructure and substation upgrades of the Aeria Utilities embedded energy network
- AMG's proposed two Major Development Plans, to be lodged in 2024: The first is a new aviation precinct at Bankstown Airport featuring up to nine new hangars and offices; the second is a new community, retail and office hub on Birdwood Road at Aeria precinct, including a childcare centre
- AMG's submission to the Aviation Green Paper, which includes: the need for a new government Aviation Infrastructure Fund and Aviation Innovation Fund to support emerging aviation technologies; the need for a whole-of-airspace review of Greater Sydney to support flight training and Advanced Air Mobility; the need for improvements to training and qualification pipelines for pilots and aircraft engineers; and the need for local councils to deliver greater community information and education about aircraft noise
- AMG continues to advocate for flight training schools at Bankstown Airport impacted by airspace changes related to the future Western Sydney International Airport. AMG is preparing its submission to the WSI Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which will highlight the need for government support for flight training and the transition to electric/hydrogen aircraft.

4. Department update

The Department representative provided a brief update in relation to the following:

- Aviation White Paper and the recent consultation and submissions lodged for the Aviation Green Paper
- Airport Sunsetting Regulations
- National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG)
- PFAS Investigation Program

5. Airservices Australia update

The ASA representative provided an overview of recent air traffic movements and aircraft noise complaints for Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport. Noise complaints remain below the three-year averages for both airports. ASA also provided information on the online noise report tool on its website for community members.

ASA's presentation will be published on the AMG website.

6. Council update

The City of Canterbury Bankstown representative noted the success of its partnership with AMG on CB Evolve 2023, which promotes investment and growth in the LGA. The November event, held in the Navair hangar at Bankstown Airport, highlighted the diversity and strength of airport operations and businesses

and the opportunity for future growth to support Advanced Air Mobility aircraft and emerging aviation technologies.

7. Other updates and general business

There were no other updates or general business matters raised by attendees.

8. Department briefing on Western Sydney International Airport (WSI) and its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Departmental representatives gave a detailed presentation on the WSI Draft EIS, including preliminary airspace and flight path design. The presentation covered broad matters such as:

- Aircraft noise – Aircraft noise may result in adverse impacts to residential property values in some areas close to WSI. Potential losses are expected to be recovered in 6 months due to growth in real capital gain.
- Economic impact – Changes to airspace to accommodate WSI are expected to have an economic impact on general aviation users, particularly flight training operators at Bankstown Airport. The Department and Airservices Australia are continuing to work with general aviation operators to minimise risks and associated economic costs.
- Air quality and greenhouse gas – All pollutants below identified thresholds in 2033. Minor exceedances may occur close to WSI for particulate matter (due to existing elevated background levels) and nitrogen dioxide. Predicted one-hour average nitrogen dioxide levels are slightly above NSW Environment Protection Authority criteria and likely an overestimate
- Landscape and visual amenity – Impacts at certain Greater Blue Mountains Area lookouts have been assessed as “high-moderate”. The magnitude of visual change was deemed to be “low”. Other viewpoints in the area were assessed as either “moderate”, “moderate-low” or “negligible” impact
- Facilitated impacts – Changes to some existing departures and arrivals at Sydney Airport, changes to Instrument Flight Rules operations at Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport and changes to lower-level transit flights in the Sydney Basin.

The presentation also featured further technical details on:

- Bankstown Airport flight path changes and noise impacts relating to facilitated impacts
- Airspace safety
- Potential introduction of Engadine Corridor to mitigate impacts on flight training schools at Bankstown Airport

The Department’s presentation will be published on the AMG website.

9. Meeting Close and Lunch

Meeting closed at 12.30pm.

10. Next Meeting

Next meetings of the Bankstown Airport CACG and Camden Airport CACG will be in March 2024. Members will be advised of the specific meeting dates.

