



# MINUTES

## Community Aviation Consultative Group

11 am 30 September 2011 @ Essendon Fields House Boardroom

Essendon Fields House, Lvl 2, 7 English Street, Essendon Fields

- Invitees:**
- Clive Judd (Community Representative and Chair)
  - Jeremy Parkinson (DOIT)
  - Cr Jan Chantry ( Moonee Valley City Council)
  - Mark Cenin (Airservices Australia)
  - Adam Sutherland (DOIT)
  - Mark Maskiell (EAPL)
  - Kevin Walsh (Community Representative)
  - Justin Madden ( Member for Essendon)
  - Anthony Cianflone (Office of Kelvin Thomson)
  - Graeme Ware (EAPL)
- Apologies:**
- Kelvin Thomson ( MP)
  - Gail Boyse (Airservices Australia)

Description	Action
<p><b>1. WELCOME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Kevin Walsh joined the CACG as Mr Bill Shorten's community appointment</li> <li>• Mr Graeme Ware joined the CACG as Essendon Airports Operations Manager.</li> </ul>	Nil action
<p><b>2. APOLOGIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelvin Thomson ( MP)</li> <li>• Gail Boyse</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matters covered in general business</li> </ul>	Nil Action
<p><b>4. FLY NEIGHBOURLY AGREEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently 13 operators signed</li> <li>• EAPL encouraging remainder to join</li> <li>• Police Air Wing and Air Ambulance are among those</li> </ul>	

	<p>operators who are reluctant to sign, although they do agree with the principles and intent of the agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee requested that operators be asked to reconsider signing up to the agreement.</li> <li>• As noted at previous meeting it was agreed to review the Fly Neighbourly Agreement six months after implementation and this will occur at the December meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>EAPL will continue to follow up FNA with Airport tenants.</p>
	<p><b>5. Airservices reporting of noise complaints to the Victorian Police Air Wing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelvin Thomson met with Vic Police to seek support for Fly Neighbourly programme</li> <li>• A senior Officer from the Police Air Wing is to be invited to the next meeting</li> <li>• Mark Cenin confirmed that data on these aircraft is only captured where enquiries or complaints are specifically referring to these aircraft. Unless a complainant contacting the Noise Enquiry Unit refers specifically to a Police or Emergency Services aircraft and is seeking an investigation, then there will be no reference made as to whether Police or Emergency Services were involved.</li> <li>• Mark Cenin stated that signing up to the Fly Neighbourly programme remains a decision for operators, and if they choose not to, the CACG is the best means for encouraging operators to conduct themselves in a manner that aligns with the programme to the greatest extent possible.</li> <li>• Anthony Cianflone stated that Kelvin Thomson has strongly encouraged Airservices Australia to work to ensure complaints lodged through the official Noise Inquiry Line and Noise Ombudsman are actually passed on to operators concerned.</li> </ul>	<p>EAPL to invite Air Wing rep to meeting on 9 Dec</p>
	<p><b>6. Government Aviation Complaint Handling Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adam Sutherland noted that a review of the Airservices aircraft noise complaints handling had been completed by the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (the report is available at <a href="http://www.ano.gov.au/reportsstats/reports/ANO_Review_of_Complaint_Handling.pdf">http://www.ano.gov.au/reportsstats/reports/ANO_Review_of_Complaint_Handling.pdf</a>) He also confirmed that following this review the processes and procedures within the Noise Inquiry Unit are being revised in line with the ANO recommendations. The primary objective was to</li> </ul>	

	<p>ensure that complaints were not passed around between agencies and that the matter was dealt with by the appropriate agency in the first instance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adam Sutherland confirmed that the Cross Government Compliant Handling Group which included, CASA, Airservices Australia, The Noise Ombudsman and The Department of Transport was scheduled to meet again in December.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>7. North/South Runway Shortening Project Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The trial of a shortened North/South runway is currently on hold pending completion of a risk assessment.</li> <li>The trial will not occur in 2011.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>8. Complaint Statistics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark Cenin advised that the Noise Enquiry Unit received as an average across 2010-11 approximately 8000 complaints per month nationally.</li> <li>Mark Maskiell presented Essendon Airport stats for period 1 July 2011 to 31 August 2011. Number of enquiries 55 No of complainants 34</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>9. Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kevin Walsh asked if the issue of aircraft making sharp right turns when departing to the north, could be addressed.</li> </ul> <p>Anthony Cianflone provided the following as feed back from the Essendon Airport residents meeting dated Wednesday 28 September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airservices and Airport management should pass on air noise complaints to the source. All aircraft operators should be notified of complaints lodged about their operations</li> </ul> <p>As noted during the meeting Airservices are currently reviewing the way they deal with noise complaints with the aim providing feedback to operators in relation to complaints received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community views should be sought regarding the North</li> </ul>	<p>EAPL will meet with operators and Airservices to address this matter</p>

South runway shortening trial. Will a shortened runway prevent any particular aircraft from using it?.

Noted

- Given the work being done on runway shortening, is EAPL still working towards amending the curfew to allow jet aircraft to access the airport at night despite the Ministers calls that the existing curfew will remain in place.  
Adam Sutherland confirmed that there are no plans to amend the curfew at Essendon Airport.
- Residents would like an update on the recent EMU review.  
Airservices are reviewing the feedback from the community and will report at the next meeting.
- Residents are concerned about the proposal to construct a police training facility in the vicinity of Strathaird Street. When will consultation begin.  
No agreement has to date been reached with the Victorian Police. in relation to this facility
- Residents expressed concern regarding issues associated with aircraft noise, low level flying, emergency services helicopter noise and flight paths, business Jets which are very noisy, homes shaking from aircraft flying low, air quality and fumes.  
Noted by the CACG and forms part of general business above
- Some residents have indicated a noticeable difference since the introduction of the FNA, and have noticed some aircraft operators making a conscious effort to fly higher over homes and in a more friendly manner.  
Noted by the CACG
- Residents in Strathaird Street are still disappointed that the beautification works around the Airport perimeter have still not taken placed as they wished  
Noted by the CACG
- Residents in the immediate vicinity of the airport state their

	<p>house values have significantly reduced. Two residents have had their homes for sale for 3 to 5 months. They believe there is a case for compensation.</p> <p>Noted by the CACG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents have raised concern over the childcare centre on the airport – is it safe and will fumes impact on children’s health. Hydrocarbon concentrations are well below accepted levels’ i.e. there is no issue with air quality due to airport activities.</li> <li>CEAC are of the firm view that observers (at least 1) should be allowed to observe committee meetings. The CACG agreed that the CACG meetings are not open to the wider community.</li> <li>CEAC also requested that an independent person be appointed as the committee’s Secretary to record and distribute minutes and provide greater details of discussion with CACG meetings. The CACG agreed that the current process is working and is effective.</li> </ul>	
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**Next Meeting | 11am 9 December 2011  
Victoria Police Airwing, Hangar 23, 12 Larkin Court, Essendon Fields**



21 November 2011