

Busselton-Margaret River Regional Airport Development Project

Consultative Group

Meeting 5 Minutes

11 May 2017

5.30pm Community Resource Centre, Ground Floor Room 1
21 Cammilleri Street, Busselton

Attendees

	Name	Position	Representative	Present
1.	Cr. Gordon Bleechmore	Councillor	City of Busselton Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Naomi Searle	Director Commercial & Community Services	City of Busselton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.	Jenny May	Commercial Services Manager	City of Busselton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.	Melissa May	Stakeholder Engagement & Communications Project Officer	City of Busselton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.	Heather McKernan	MRBTA Airport	Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6.	Lawrence Deale	Hangar Owner	Hangar Owner Group 1	Apology
7.	Peter Mitchell	Hangar Owner	Hangar Owner Group 2	Apology
8.	Michael Tonks	Hangar Owner	Hangar Owner Group 3	Apology
9.	John Brisco	Secretary	Busselton Aeroclub	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10.	John Landwehr	Air Operations Officer	Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.	Michael Bleus	Chief Pilot	Royal Flying Doctor Service	Apology
12.	Peter Scott	Aviation Services Manager	Surf Life Saving	Apology
13.	Libby Mettam MP	Member for Vasse	Local Member	Apology
14.	Ray McMillan	Chief Executive Officer	South West Combined Chambers of Commerce	Apology
15.	Justin Francesconi	Superintendent Community Relations	Rio Tinto	Apology
16.	Kieran Chapman	Adjacent Landowner		Apology
17.	Ross Manning	Adjacent Landowner		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18.	Carl Buckley	Senior Development Manager	Satterley Property Group	Apology
19.	Graeme Cotterill	Resident	Reinscourt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.	Greg Chapman	Resident	Kalgup	Apology
21.	Stephanie Camarri	Resident	Yoongarillup	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22.	Samuel Kennedy	Resident	Yalyalup	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23.	Steve O'Brien	Resident	Port Geographe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24.	Barbara Dunnet	Resident	Wonnerup Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

No.	ITEM DESCRIPTION																										
	Meeting commenced 5.37 pm																										
1.0	Welcome and Apologies (Cr. Gordon Bleechmore)																										
	Cr.Bleechmore welcomed new community representatives.																										
2.0	Confirmation of 9 March 2017 Meeting 4 minutes																										
	Amend typo from 'in' to 'is' in item 3.0. Minutes confirmed by consensus.																										
3.0	Public Environmental Review Process – Presented by Jenny May																										
	<p>1. Brief update of Public Environmental Review Process</p> <p>The PER is focused on the City's proposal to modify BMRRRA operations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allow additional aircraft types and operator aircraft types to use the airport; and • change the hours of operation. <p>The key environmental factor for the environmental review is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social surroundings <p>The assessment milestones as per the presentation are below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1189 1362 1834"> <thead> <tr> <th>Key Assessment milestones</th> <th>Completion Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>EPA approves Environmental Scoping Document</td> <td>16 February 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proponent submits first draft Environmental Review Document</td> <td>31 March 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EPA provides comment on first draft Environmental Review Document (6 Weeks form receipt of ERD)</td> <td>8 May 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proponent submits revised draft Environmental Review Document</td> <td>22 May 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EPA authorises release of Environmental Review Document for public review (2 weeks from EPA approval of ERD)</td> <td>29 June 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proponent releases Environment Review Document for public review for 6 weeks</td> <td>3 July 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Close of public review period</td> <td>14 August 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EPA provides Summary of Submissions (3 weeks from close of public review period)</td> <td>4 September 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proponent provides Response to Submissions</td> <td>25 September 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EPA reviews the Response to Submissions (4 weeks from receipt of Response to Submissions)</td> <td>23 October 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EPA prepares draft assessment report and completes assessment (7 weeks from EPA accepting Response to Submissions)</td> <td>14 December 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EPA finalises assessment report (including two weeks consultation on draft conditions) and gives report to Minister (6 weeks from completion of assessment)</td> <td>22 January 2018</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City submitted draft Environmental Review Document (ERD) on 4/4/17 – as part of the statutory requirement set by the Office of Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA). The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) refers to the Environmental Scoping Document (ESD) to ensure the City has addressed all requirements within the 	Key Assessment milestones	Completion Date	EPA approves Environmental Scoping Document	16 February 2017	Proponent submits first draft Environmental Review Document	31 March 2017	EPA provides comment on first draft Environmental Review Document (6 Weeks form receipt of ERD)	8 May 2017	Proponent submits revised draft Environmental Review Document	22 May 2017	EPA authorises release of Environmental Review Document for public review (2 weeks from EPA approval of ERD)	29 June 2017	Proponent releases Environment Review Document for public review for 6 weeks	3 July 2017	Close of public review period	14 August 2017	EPA provides Summary of Submissions (3 weeks from close of public review period)	4 September 2017	Proponent provides Response to Submissions	25 September 2017	EPA reviews the Response to Submissions (4 weeks from receipt of Response to Submissions)	23 October 2017	EPA prepares draft assessment report and completes assessment (7 weeks from EPA accepting Response to Submissions)	14 December 2017	EPA finalises assessment report (including two weeks consultation on draft conditions) and gives report to Minister (6 weeks from completion of assessment)	22 January 2018
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	<p>ESD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has a few comments to address and will submit revision by 22/05/17 as per milestone timetable. • EPA has 6 weeks to review & assess the ERD. • Jenny May noted that the PER is a separate process that is undertaken by the EPA. The Noise Management Plan (NMP) consultation that the City publically advertised was the City's process. • The ERD will be advertised for public comment state wide on the EPA website. The City will advise when it is released. <p>Mr Kennedy asked if the ERD would also be published on the Airport's website.</p> <p>Jenny May responded that the document would only be published on the EPA's website, and the City would provide a link via the Airport and City websites to EPA website.</p> <p>Jenny May commented that the process should be completed by January.</p> <p>Mr Cotterill noted that it may take longer for the Minister to assess the EPA's recommendation.</p>
4.0	Project Update (Andy McColgan)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andy McColgan outlined the Construction Zones and explained the works in each area. Photos and summary of construction progress as per presentation. (attached) <p>Mr O'Brien asked where the southern runway drain (slide 11) will flow to.</p> <p>Naomi Searle explained that the existing drain has been realigned but will continue to flow into the Vasse Diversion Drain.</p> <p>Mr Kennedy asked the distance from the southern end of runway to the Vasse Highway.</p> <p>Jenny May responded that the runway end is approximately 350m from the Vasse Highway. Jenny May further explained that there is a 240m RESA and a 60m clearway.</p> <p>Mr Kennedy asked how low aircraft will be over the Vasse Highway.</p> <p>Jenny May explained that aircraft do not aim to land & take off at the end of a runway, and that there is sufficient clearance.</p> <p>Mr Kennedy asked if landside precinct and terminal design will be available for public comment.</p> <p>Naomi Searle replied that high level concept designs will be available for the public once they are complete.</p> <p>Mr Brisco asked about the General Aviation (GA) precinct design.</p> <p>Andy McColgan replied that final design of the GA precinct is currently underway.</p> <p>Naomi Searle added that functional requirements and consideration of the Precinct aesthetics have been considered in the design process.</p> <p>Mr Manning asked if the entry/exit off Vasse Highway onto Neville Hyder Drive would be upgraded and if discussions with Main Roads WA had taken place.</p> <p>Naomi Searle responded that discussions are underway and an entry to the airport off Vasse Highway would be improved.</p>

	<p>Mr Landwehr noted that the helicopter sheds have been removed and asked whether the facilities at the airport would be replaced prior to the next firefighting season.</p> <p>Jenny May replied that the City has committed to replacing like for like prior to the next firefighting season.</p> <p>Cr. Bleechmore added that the City is committed to accommodating the firefighting services.</p> <p>Mr Cotterill asked what Andy McColgan’s role was in relation to the development project.</p> <p>Naomi Searle responded that Andy McColgan is the Project Manager appointed by APP. APP are the City’s contracted infrastructure project managers.</p> <p>Mr Cotterill asked for clarification relating the construction seasons and reasons for ceasing construction over the winter.</p> <p>Andy McColgan explained that this is related to temperature as well as inclement weather providing the example that it must be at least 15 degrees before asphalt can be placed.</p> <p>Mr Cotterill requested that meeting presentations be emailed with the minutes.</p> <p>Naomi Searle agreed.</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Member Updates</p>
	<p><u>Busselton Aeroclub</u></p> <p>The Aeroclub have bought a second aircraft, much the same as the one they have already.</p> <p><u>Yalyalup Community Representative</u></p> <p>The project will have good outcomes for the local population and tourism growth for the region.</p> <p>Cr. Bleechmore responded that the City believes the project will be catalyst for growth in Busselton.</p> <p>Mr Kennedy asked if an airline had been confirmed.</p> <p>Naomi Searle responded that meetings have taken place with the four major domestic airlines. In September 2016 the airlines were presented a high level overview of the project. In March 2017 the airlines were presented with a detailed business case. The airlines have expressed their preference would be to commence services at the start of the tourist season. Discussions are very positive and will continue.</p> <p>Mr Kennedy asked if the airport will be domestic or international.</p> <p>Naomi Searle replied that the infrastructure will be capable of facilitating international flights on completion of construction however, it is expected that only domestic services will commence straight away.</p> <p>Mr O’Brien asked what the business case presented to airlines was based on.</p> <p>Naomi Searle responded that the business case was based on market analysis measuring demand for Eastern States destination and data from all levels of accommodation providers.</p> <p>Mr Landwehr asked if the airport will have all the requirements for an international airport including an onsite firefighting services?</p> <p>Naomi Searle responded that the City is working with Border Protection and Customs agencies on the necessary requirements for the airport.</p>

Mr Kennedy asked if there would be industrial and commercial development around the airport including accommodation.

Cr. Bleechmore responded that Satterly Property Group own industrial/commercially zoned land in the vicinity of the airport. Provision for accommodation has been considered in the development of the Busselton Foreshore. The City believes that the development of the airport will be a catalyst for hotel chains to consider developing on the foreshore.

Adjacent Landowner Ross Manning

As an airport neighbour Mr Manning congratulated the City on the appointment of Ertech for airside works. They are extremely efficient.

Reinscourt Community Representative

Mr Cotterill raised a few questions on behalf of the Reinscourt community:

How is the project budget tracking?

Naomi Searle replied that the budget is on track.

Mr Cotterill asked if there is a set distance for aircraft to exit the left hand turning circuit and turn right.

Jenny May replied that the circuit is not a defined space and that it is dependent on aircraft size. In between 500 – 1000ft a right hand turn could be a conflict.

Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association (MRBTA)

Ms McKernan reported that MRBTA hosted a Member Mingle at the new Visitor Centre at Railway House. Naomi Searle presented a project update that was well received by members.

Similarly, MRBTA represented the South West region at the NSW Caravan and Camping Show. Whilst it was primarily camping/caravanning based, attendees who had previously driven to the South West commented on how far away it was and that the option to fly directly would be great.

Yoongarillup Community Representative

Ms Cammarri asked given the amount of money being spent at the airport is the City considering compensation of neighbouring residents in terms of:

1. Noise Amelioration;
2. Purchase of land;
3. Reimbursement for drop in house/land value

Cr. Bleechmore responded that the City would was not considering option 2 or 3. He explained that there was an allocation for Noise Amelioration in the Business Case, and that certain triggers activate the Noise Amelioration Process. The process is outlined in the Noise Management Plan.

Naomi Searle added that once operations commence the City can consider requests for Noise Amelioration as per the Noise Management Plan.

Ms Camarri stated that Mr Wilkins has not received noise amelioration.

Jenny May responded that the Noise Management Plan outlines the process and that Mr Wilkins would need to write to City and specifically request noise amelioration.

Mr Cotterill stated that it is the understanding of the Reinscourt residents that no money will offered in compensation. The City proposes noise amelioration measures to residences only.

	<p>Ms Camarri stated she wants the City to explore compensating affected residents with cash offers.</p> <p>Cr. Bleechmore replied that Ms Camarri would need to make a formal submission to City including research related to the request.</p> <p>Wonnerup Community Representative</p> <p>Ms Dunnet asked if any freight companies had confirmed that they wanted to operate from the airport.</p> <p>Naomi Searle replied that discussions with Toll had taken place and would be ongoing. She also explained that the City has lead the Air Freight Strategy which had provided information in relation to quantity and type of freight, and the best options for airfreight. At this time, due to the quantity and type of produce is it most likely to be a combined passenger/freight option.</p>
6.0	Actions from previous meeting
	Actions completed.
7.0	Items for next meeting
	<p>Items for next meeting:</p> <p>Airservices Australia will present to the group next month.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 22 June, 5.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wonnerup Committee Room, City of Busselton Administration Building</p>
8.0	Next meetings
	<p>Special meeting: Thursday 22 June, 5.30pm</p> <p>Wonnerup Committee Room, City of Busselton Administration Building</p> <p>Next meeting: 10 August 2017, 5.30pm</p> <p>Wonnerup Committee Room, City of Busselton Administration Building</p>

Cr. Gordon Bleechmore
Chair – Airport Advisory Committee

Agenda Item	Action	Responsible Person
4.0	Include presentation in the minutes	MM
4.0	Forward questions for Airservices Australia	ALL