

## Busselton-Margaret River Airport Development Project

### Consultative Group Meeting 7

#### MINUTES

19 October, 2017 at 5.30pm

City of Busselton, Kloorup Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Southern Drive, Busselton

#### Attendees & Apologies

Name	Position	Representing	Attendance/Apologies
Cr. Gordon Bleechmore	Chair – Airport Advisory Committee	City of Busselton Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Naomi Searle	Director Commercial & Community Services	City of Busselton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jenny May	Manger Commercial Services	City of Busselton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Heather McKernan	MRBTA Airport	Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lawrence Deale (from 5.20pm)	Hangar Owner	Hangar Owners' Group 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Peter Mitchell	Hangar Owner	Hangar Owners' Group 2	
Michael Tonks	Hangar Owner	Hangar Owners' Group 3	
John Brisco	Secretary	Busselton Aero Club	Apology
Peter Saint John Landwehr	Manager Air Operations	Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES)	Apologies
Michael Bleus	Chief Pilot	Royal Flying Doctor Service	
Chris Peck	General Manager	Surf Life Saving	Apology
Libby Mettam MP	Member for Vasse	Local Member	
Michael Brown	President	South West Combined Chambers of Commerce	
Justin Francesconi	Superintendent Community Relations	Rio Tinto	Apology
Kieran Chapman	Adjacent Landowner		
Ross Manning	Adjacent Landowner		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carl Buckley	Senior Development Manager	Satterley Property Group	
Peter Keynes	Resident Representative	Reinscourt Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Graeme Cotterill	Resident Representative	Reinscourt Area	Apology
Greg Chapman	Resident Representative	Kalgup Area	
Stephanie Camarri	Resident Representative	Yoongarillup Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Samuel Kennedy	Resident Representative	Yalyalup Area	Apology
Steve O'Brien	Resident Representative	Port Geographe Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Dunnet	Resident Representative	Wonnerup Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Julie Rawlings	Project Officer	City of Busselton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Business of the Meeting

No.	Item Description
1.0	<p>Welcome &amp; Apologies (Cr. Gordon Bleechmore)</p> <p>Cr. Bleechmore welcomed all to the meeting and noted the apologies that had been received. Cr. Bleechmore also announced that it was his last meeting as a Council representative and thanked all for their participation.</p>
2.0	<p>Confirmation of previous minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>The minutes were confirmed including amendment noting that Mr Brisco was not in attendance as stated in the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried Dunnett/O'Brien</p>
3.0	<p>Project Update - Naomi Searle (PowerPoint Presentation)</p> <p>Naomi provided a Project Update, noting the following key points as contained in the attached PowerPoint presentation:</p>
3.1	<p>State Government's Value Optimisation Review (VOR)</p> <p>Naomi advised that the City had been heavily involved in the review that commenced on 21 June 2017 to help with the State's budget restoration. At the conclusion of the review the Minister responded to the City in September 2017 reiterating the Government's support of the Project. To assist the State and in keeping with the project objectives the City will be postponing some landside works, modifying the terminal design and contributing to the project to ensure the project's integrity is upheld. The City will also be funding some additional works.</p> <p>The aim remains to attract interstate air services in September 2017.</p>
3.2	<p>Construction Programme</p> <p>The modified construction programme was noted, as detailed within the presentation. It was also noted that the existing terminal could be used on a temporary basis until the new terminal was completed, although modifications would be required.</p>
3.3	<p>Airside</p> <p>60% of the airside infrastructure has been completed and Season 2 commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. The Estimated completion date is March 2018.</p> <p>Local Suppliers / Contractors</p> <p>Naomi noted that at the completion of Season 1 of the airside infrastructure works the value to the region in terms of engagement of local subcontractors and suppliers was approximately \$5.075M, representing approximately 40% of the contract paid.</p>

3.4	<p><b>Landside</b></p> <p>All landside works were the subject of the VOR. Once the Review was completed the City issued the Tender for Package 1 - Civil, Services &amp; Landscaping. The Tender was awarded to Ertech and they are currently undertaking site investigations. The City has invested some money of its own to ensure delivery of the Project, these funds enable Neville Hyder Drive reseal, Vasse Highway/Neville Hyder Drive upgrade and the Design of the industrial &amp; commercial precinct for construction at a future date.</p> <p>Package 2 - Terminal - the design has been refined and has resulted in a reduced floor area of approximately 1000sq.m., while still retaining a functional building. The terminal has been designed in a way that can be expanded in a cost efficient manner. Design and construction tender to be issued in late November 2017.</p>
3.5	<p><b>Airline Engagement</b></p> <p>The City has met with Jetstar, Qantas and Tiger earlier this year and further meetings are taking place in November.</p> <p>Airline ready workshops will be held for businesses in the tourism industry to make sure they are ready for the arrival of passengers at different hours.</p> <p>Peter Keynes asked if the City is advising airlines of its preference for flights. Naomi advised that it has always been the City's position that day time flights are preferable. Naomi advised that a negotiation process will take place and incentives developed to suit individual airlines - better incentives would be offered for daytime services. Funds have been set aside for an airline incentive programme.</p>
3.6	<p><b>Regional Focus</b></p> <p>As part of the airline incentive programme the City has established a future airport marketing fund that will be used to assist in attracting and retaining airlines with its use to be further discussed with airlines depending on requirements. South West local governments and tourism industry partners have committed \$445K over 5 years to the fund.</p>
3.7	<p><b>Air Freight</b></p> <p>The City is working with the South West Development Commission to survey producers to establish the potential for international freight services. A combination of passenger and freight service is considered the most viable and the City is currently discussing the opportunities with airlines.</p>

3.8	<p>Communications</p> <p>The communication activities undertaken since the last meeting were outlined. Naomi advised that a Noise amelioration communications plan is in development and will be put to a future meeting to gain input from the Group.</p>
3.9	<p>Environmental Approvals</p> <p>Naomi advised that the City had provided its response to the EPA on the summary of submissions received during the public comment period for the Environmental Review Document. The main concern was night flights. Of the 95 submissions received - 56 were supportive, 36 objected and 4 were neither supporting nor objecting. The EPA also provided comments for the City to respond to.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the EPA will finalise its report and provide it to the Minister in late February 2018.</p>
4.0	Public Environmental Review Process Update - Jenny May
5.0	<p>Member updates – relevant to Airport Development Project</p> <p>Peter Keynes advised that Reinscourt residents have commented that aircraft noise levels have reduced and that aircraft did not seem to be flying directly overhead. Peter passed on the thanks and appreciation of residents. Jenny commented that the percentage of north and south arrivals/departures had been shared and that the City is monitoring outcomes of the newly introduced standardised measures to minimise aircraft flying over residential properties during arrival and departures of the Fokker 100 Jet aircraft.</p> <p>Ross Manning agreed he felt that there was a better sharing of flights than he had experienced previously. Stephanie Camarri believed that the Chapmans were experiencing more flights. Jenny noted that the flights had been better shared as Mr Manning had observed.</p> <p>Jenny advised that the Virgin Australia Regional Airlines (VARA) Flight Operations had indicated that by 31/10/17 all pilots would have been informed of the changes and felt that the message has been getting through. The City will talk to VARA again in November 2017.</p> <p>Gordon congratulated Naomi and Jenny for the outcome achieved for residents.</p> <p>It was again noted that the PowerPoint presentation would be distributed with the minutes.</p>
6.0	Actions from previous meetings - Nil.
7.0	Items for next meeting (2 mins) - Naomi advised that it was hoped that some draft

	flight paths may be available for the next meeting.
8.0	Next meeting: The next meeting date was agreed - 18 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm

Cr. Gordon Bleechmore  
Chair Airport Advisory Committee