

**MINUTES OF MEETING (NO 124) OF THE NORTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF  
COUNCILS HELD AT  
HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL  
22 ALEXANDRA STREET, HUNTERS HILL  
13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

***The meeting commenced at 6.10 pm  
Mayor Hoopmann, Hunter's Hill Council, extended a welcome to  
NSROC Delegates***

**QUORUM**

The Chairman referred to Article 13.i) of the Constitution that provides:

***A quorum at a meeting of the Organisation shall consist of a number being half of the number of Councils plus one.***

Member Councils of NSROC include:

Hornsby	Hunter's Hill	Ku-ring-gai	
Lane Cove	North Sydney	Ryde	Willoughby

Councils represented on the evening included:

Hornsby	Hunter's Hill	Ku-ring-gai	
Lane Cove	North Sydney	Ryde	Willoughby

Accordingly, a quorum was present.

**ATTENDANCE**

Clr N Berman	Hornsby Council
Clr R Browne	Hornsby Council
Clr S Hoopmann	Hunter's Hill Council
Clr R Quinn	Hunter's Hill Council
Mr B Smith	General Manager, Hunter's Hill Council
Clr E Malicki	Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr I Cross	Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr I Longbottom	Lane Cove Council
Clr A Smith	Lane Cove Council
Clr S Forrest	Lane Cove Council
Clr R Tudge	Lane Cove Council
Mr P Brown	General Manager, Lane Cove Council
Mr E Poulos	Lane Cove Council
Clr G McCaffery	North Sydney Council
Clr Z Baker	North Sydney Council
Clr V Marchandean	North Sydney Council
Ms P Holloway	General Manager, North Sydney Council
Clr V Tagg	Ryde Council
Clr I Petch	Ryde Council
Clr S Yedelian	Ryde Council
Mr M Whittaker	General Manager, Ryde Council
Clr P Reilly	Willoughby Council (chair)
Clr T Fogarty	Willoughby Council
Mr S Head	Willoughby Council
Mr D Johnson	NSROC Executive Director
Ms L Ridley	NSROC Executive Assistant

**GUESTS**

Mr Tony Williams	Aviation Community Advocate
Mr Bob Hayes	SACF

**APOLOGIES**

Mr Robert Ball	General Manager, Hornsby Council
Mr J McKee	General Manager, Ku-ring-gai Council
Mr N Tobin	General Manager, Willoughby Council

721/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr V Tagg                      Seconded: Clr R Quinn  
That the Apologies be received.

**CARRIED**

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**CHAIR**

**1. DISCUSSIONS WITH MR TONY WILLIAMS (AVIATION COMMUNITY ADVOCATE) and MR BOB HAYES (SACF) ON THE SYDNEY AIRPORT MASTERPLAN.**

Presentation on Sydney Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) –

- The PDMP's assertions regarding aircraft noise.
- PDMP aviation activity forecasts and their implications.
- What NSROC Councils might consider in response to the plan.

Airfield Capacity Modelling

- Sydney Airport can sustainably accommodate forecast growth in airline travel because:
  - Airport facilities – including terminals, freight facilities, taxiways, hangars, aircraft parking, airport roads and car parking – will be progressively upgraded over the next 20 years.
  - Aviation technology is improving all the time, new generation aircraft are quieter, cleaner, and more efficient and they consume less fuel.
  - Governments are also considering upgrades to the M4 and M5 motorways, new bus services and more frequent trains to and from the airport. New infrastructure and public transport services will make it easier for people to travel to and from Sydney Airport.

Environmental Management

- Comparing the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) for 2029 with the approved ANEF in the existing Master Plan 03/04, the forecast noise footprint in 2029 relative to that for 2024 has been generally reduced.
- This is because of the impact of aircraft which are now quieter, a trend that will accelerate over the next 20 years with the introduction of new generation aircraft. These even quieter aircraft have not been included in the modelling for the ANEF 2029.
- The PDMP includes an Australian Noise Exposure Concept (ANEC), which models the impact of the quieter aircraft. This shows the noise footprint sinking even further.

**SACL's assertion:**

- The PDMP asserts that Sydney Airport will invest in new infrastructure to sustainably accommodate forecast growth in airline travel – the reality – an environmentally sustainable future for Sydney Airport is unlikely.
- PDMP aviation activity forecasts for 2029 compared with 2007
  - Passenger movements up 147%
  - Total aircraft movements up 50%
  - Implied number of passengers per movement (average) up 66%
  - Implied hourly movement rate (average) up from 46 to 69.
- Observations
  - This is a massive increase in number of aircraft movements.
  - The real increase is probably even greater – PDMP assumes a large increase in average aircraft size.
  - Noise contours in the PDMP are suspect – the 'good news' about quieter aircraft is overstated and ANEF contours are not sensitive to increase in aircraft numbers.
  - SALC's ANEF modelling requires further analysis.
- What is the issue?
  - Hourly movement charts show movements rates of >60/hour virtually all day from 0600 to 2300.
  - No noise sharing mode can cope with >60 movements/hour.
  - Parallel operations are the only high capacity modes (up to 80/hour)
  - Parallels will be used up to 17 hours a day – permanently. Inevitable from traffic growth (not by decision or design).
  - This is environmentally unsustainable.

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- No amount of infrastructure investment at Sydney Airport will solve the problem.
- Implications
  - Noise sharing will be dead by 2029 and probably well before that.
  - Sydney Airport will be environmentally unsustainable in terms of aircraft noise (operationally constrained as well).
  - Sydney residents will be forced to endure increased aircraft noise – permanently.
  - This will have serious human impact.
  - Larger aircraft will not solve the problem – they will add to it.
  - Infrastructure investment at Sydney Airport will be wasted.
- Possible Solutions – there are only 2 possible options
  - Firstly, improve the capacity of noise sharing modes (unlikely – considerable effort already).
  - Secondly, build an airport where it is sustainable.
  - Note that the lead time from decision to an operating airport is likely to be 15 years or more.
- What Now? NSROC Councils are encouraged to:
  - Consider the issues and effects on their residents.
  - Consider the need for and urgency of a second/replacement airport.
  - Make submissions on the PDMP before 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

General discussion ensued.

722/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr G McCaffery                      Seconded: Clr S Hoopmann **CARRIED**

1. That NSROC make a submission on the Preliminary Draft Master Plan for Sydney Airport, outlining potential concerns in regard to the expansion of plane and passenger movements.
2. That NSROC ask the Government to reopen the issue of a second airport, and
3. That the opening of a second airport does not impact on regional and rural New South Wales.

Clr Reilly and Delegates thanked Tony and Bob for their very informative talk and they departed the meeting.

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

723/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr G McCaffery                      Seconded: Clr N Berman **CARRIED**

The Minutes of Meeting No. 123 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 copy of which was circulated to all parties and member Councils, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meetings.

### **ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Dominic provided a brief update.

724/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr G McCaffery                      Seconded: Clr N Berman **CARRIED**

That the Actions arising from the Previous Meeting be received and noted.

## **3. TREASURERS REPORT – Budget Review as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008.**

725/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr I Cross                              Seconded: Clr I Petch **CARRIED**

That the Report be received and noted.

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#### **4. SYDNEY AIRPORT MASTERPLAN**

726/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr G McCaffery                      Seconded: Clr S Hoopmann **CARRIED**  
That the Report be received and noted. (Actions to be undertaken appear in Item

#### **5. NSROC REGIONAL MIGRANT SERVICES AUSPICE**

727/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr G McCaffery                      Seconded: Clr I Longbottom **CARRIED**

1. That the NSROC Board endorses the proposed NSROC Regional Migrant Services Network Project.
2. NSROC be directed to negotiate appropriate funding and further develop a delivery model with DIAC should the current funding application successful.
3. That recognition is given to existing services operating within the region, and that we talk to the Crows Nest Centre, Hornsby, the Mosaic Centre and Ryde should we be successful about how we can best achieve a collaborative model.

#### **6. NSROC REGIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW**

728/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr I Petch                                      Seconded: Clr G McCaffery **CARRIED**  
That the report be received and noted

#### **7. NSROC REGIONAL SoE**

729/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr I Petch                                      Seconded: Clr G McCaffery **CARRIED**

1. That the NSROC Regional SoE 2008 be adopted.
2. That the environment and planning staff in the NSROC councils be commended for their efforts in producing another high quality regional report.

#### **8. INQUIRY INTO TRANSPORT NEEDS OF NORTH WEST SECTOR**

730/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr V Tagg                                      Seconded: Clr G McCaffery **CARRIED**  
That the Report be received and noted.

#### **9. NSROC STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-1020**

731/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr V Tagg                                      Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**  
That the Report be received and noted.

#### **10. PLANNING REFORMS**

732/08 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr V Tagg                                      Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**

1. That the Report be received and noted.
2. That the Executive Director provide the President of NSROC with a list of key infrastructure requirements of NSROC member councils to take to Canberra next week.



