



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Forum on Western Sydney Airport

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The Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FOWSA) connects the community, the Government and Western Sydney Airport company (the airport operator) during planning and development of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport. The establishment of FOWSA was a key condition in the Western Sydney Airport Plan. By engaging the community early in the development of the airport, FOWSA will ensure the community's views are taken into account.

Background

The [Western Sydney Airport Plan](#) authorises the construction and operation of Stage 1 of the airport, including a single 3.7 km runway and a terminal with capacity for 10 million passengers a year. Airport construction started in September 2018.

Airport Plan conditions are mandatory and mean that the Commonwealth must deliver the airspace and flight path design for single runway operations before airport operations commence in 2026. Condition 16(2) requires the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the Department) to:

“establish a community and stakeholder reference group (FOWSA) which will operate until the end of the detailed design stage... [of the airspace and flight path design process].”

A key objective of FOWSA is to ensure the views of the community are taken into account throughout the airspace and flight path design process for the Stage 1 airport development. FOWSA will also allow the community, local authorities, airport users and other interested parties to be informed about a range of issues relating to the broader planning and development of the airport, including maximising the economic and social benefits of the project for Western Sydney.

An aviation Expert Steering Group, led by the Department, is overseeing the detailed planning and design process for the airport's airspace arrangements and flight paths. Other members of the steering group include Airservices Australia, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and the airport operator. FOWSA and the Expert Steering Group are working collaboratively to deliver an informed and community-consulted airspace and flight path design for Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport. The airspace and flight path design process is a complex technical task that is being conducted over several years.

The terms of reference developed for FOWSA set out the objectives of the forum, the membership structure, the roles of the independent Chair and members, other administrative details and reporting requirements. The terms of reference, *Western Sydney Airport Environmental Impact Statement* (2016) and the Airport Plan are available at www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au.

Resourcing and administrative support

FOWSA meets at least three times each year in Western Sydney. The secretariat is provided by the Department.

FOWSA membership

(as of April 2024)

Member Category	Current Members
Up to 10 community representatives	Ms Joanne Bromilow, Resident of Blaxland Mr Gordon Henwood, Resident of Mulgoa Mr Jacob Idiculas, Resident of Bossley Park Mr Wayne Willmington, Resident of Luddenham Mr Gregory Copeland, Resident of Camden Dr Mike Freeland MP, Federal Member for Macarthur Ms Melissa McIntosh MP, Federal Member for Lindsay Ms Anne Stanley MP, Federal Member for Werriwa
Up to five local government representatives	Ms Lindy Deitz, General Manager, Campbelltown City Council Dr Rosemary Dillon, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Mountains City Council Mayor Todd Carney, Penrith City Council Cr Paul Veigel, Hawkesbury City Council Mr John Ajaka, CEO, Liverpool City Council
One NSW Government representative	Mr Andrew Glenis, Western Parkland City Authority
One regional airport operator representative	Mr Rob Walker, CEO, Regional Aviation Association Australia
Up to two representatives of general aviation users	Mr Daniel Jarosch, CEO, Aeria Management Group Mr David Trevelyan, CEO, Basair
Up to two representatives of the major airlines	Mr Chris Kwong, Senior Manager Government & Public Affairs, Qantas Airways Limited Mr Scott Mitchell, Air Traffic and Meteorology Manager, Virgin Australia
Up to two persons with connections to relevant representative agencies or organisations	Mr David Borger, Executive Director, Business Western Sydney Ms Anna Guillan, Regional Development Australia, Sydney
An independent Chair	Ms Lee de Winton, Independent Chair
Ex-officio members	Mr Scott MacKillop, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Western Sydney Airport Ms Katy Hannouch, General Manager – Community Engagement and Partnerships, Western Sydney Airport
Additional members	Ms Susan Templeman MP, Federal Member for Macquarie The Hon Angus Taylor MP, Federal Member for Hume Mayor Matt Gould, Wollondilly Shire Council