

FINAL MINUTES AND ACTION OUTCOMES OF THE 12th WILLIAMTOWN CONSULTATIVE FORUM HELD AT NAL (NEWCASTLE AIRPORT) BOARDROOM ON 6 MARCH 2007

Meeting started: 0940 HRS

AGENDA Item.	MINUTES	BY WHOM	ACTION AGREED
<p>Agenda Item 1. Introduction and opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Chair, Geoffrey Beck, Head Infrastructure (HI), opened the twelfth meeting of the Williamtown Consultative Forum at 0940 hrs. 		Geoffrey Beck	
<p>Agenda Item 2. Attendance See attached list. Apologies received from the Councillor Ron Swan, Mayor, Port Stephens Council, Peter Gesling, General Manager, Port Stephens Council and Air Cdre Geoff Brown, HQ, Air Combat Group.</p>		Geoffrey Beck	
<p>Agenda Item 3. Acceptance of minutes from the previous meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from the WCF #11 accepted without amendments. At this point in the meeting, Mr Baldwin expressed a number of concerns in relation to urban encroachment and land planning issues not only in the vicinity of RAAF Base Williamtown but around other Defence establishments. In particular, Mr Baldwin was critical of the roles played by the NSW Government and Port Stephens Council in seeking to allow residential development under flight paths at RAAF Base Williamtown which would be subject to military aircraft noise. Discussion took place in terms of the best mechanisms to progress this issue, namely, through the use of a State Environmental Planning Policy, a Regional Environmental Plan, a set of directions to Councils, clauses for the local planning template and working with DOTARS to address limitations associated with the ANEF system as the basis for land 	<p>Geoffrey Beck</p> <p>Mr Bob Baldwin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WCF noted that Defence had met with the NSW Department of Planning on a number of occasions to discuss a way forward in relation to addressing urban encroachment and land planning issues in the vicinity of Defence establishments in NSW. The WCF recommends that Defence write to the Director General of the NSW Department of Planning requesting a meeting to discuss the best means of progressing this issue in terms of a State Environmental Planning Policy, a Regional Environmental Plan, a set of

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	<p>use planning in the vicinity of military airfields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Baldwin also noted better communication strategies were needed by Air Force to more effectively communicate Air Force operational and training schedules. In this regard, Mr Baldwin used Air Force flying schedules during Higher School Certificate examinations as an example of the need for better communication between Air Force and the community. <p>Mr Baldwin and Ms Moffatt left the meeting at 1005 Hrs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion then took place on the Kings Hill (North Raymond Terrace) proposed development. The meeting noted Defence has formally raised its objections to this development since late 2002.• The meeting also noted that on 19 December 2006 officers from Defence met with the NSW Department of Planning and Port Stephens Council to discuss the proposed North Raymond Terrace development.• David Broyd advised that the public exhibition of the proposed North Raymond Terrace development is expected to commence within the next month.• Brian Murphy advised an independent acoustic expert will be appointed by the NSW Dept Planning to review noise acoustic submissions and evidence put forward by parties such as Defence, Port Stephens Council and the developer.• Various members of the WCF then discussed the potential benefits of the DoP's appointed expert holding a combined meeting with Dept of Defence, Dept of Planning, and Port Stephens Council so all	<p>GPCAPT Alan Clements</p>	<p>directions to Councils, clauses for the local planning template and working with DOTARS and State agencies to address limitations associated with the ANEF system as the basis for land use planning in the vicinity of military airfields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jennifer Collison to follow up with Regional Manager DoP suggesting the noise expert hold a combined meeting with Defence, Planning, and Port Stephens Council in relation to noise issues for the proposed North Raymond Terrace development.• Defence to investigate communication strategies to
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	<p>parties can gain a better understanding of each other's issues. Jennifer Collison Premier's Dept, committed to raising this with the DoP's Regional Manager to see if this could be arranged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAAF Base Williamtown is looking towards more night flying to satisfy particular Defence operational and training needs. 		<p>more effectively communicate Air Force operational and training schedules.</p>
Action items from the previous meeting			
4. Williamtown School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Nelson wrote to the NSW Minister for Education and Training in November 2006. (Now former) NSW Education Minister Tebbutt responded to Minister Nelson advising that the NSW Dept of Education is reviewing the demographics associated with schools in the Lower Hunter Region. 	John Kerwan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Collison to follow up reply with the Regional Director of the NSW Department of Education and Training regarding the outcomes of the review prior to the next meeting.
5. Noise Monitoring update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final Quarterley NFPMS Report for Oct/Dec 06 was tabled. • The Chair encouraged the members to provide feedback on the format and content of the NFPMS Report. • The problem with the WLM radar data feed and its compatibility with ASA systems has been resolved. 	Helen Horn Geoffrey Beck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence to consider placing executive summary/quarterley reports on the Defence website (linked to communication strategies at Agenda Item 3 above).
6. Ground Water Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring is ongoing. No results of concern reported to date. 	Helen Horn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note monitoring is ongoing.
7. Air Quality Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring is ongoing. No results of concern reported to date. 	Helen Horn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note monitoring is ongoing.
8. NSW Department of Planning: Williamtown Employment Zone Development Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 2 – Land Capability and Suitability Assessment Report completed in February 2007. Stage 3 report on the preparation of the detailed structure plan and development control plan provisions has commenced. • The meeting noted there was no need to expand the Study Area at this stage. • The meeting also noted that work associated with this study has been facilitated by 	Brian Murphy	

	members of the WCF.		
9. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road signage: Defence has completed a review of road signage with the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority and Port Stephens Council. Erection of signage to commence shortly. 	Helen Horn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post meeting update: PSC has withdrawn permission to install road signage. Defence is continuing to negotiate a solution to allow signage to proceed.
10. Proposed agenda dates for meetings in 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates for meetings to be held during 2007 were discussed and agreed to. These are 4 June, 3 September and 10 December 2007 	Geoffrey Beck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting to be held at Port Stephens Council at 1000HRS on 4 June 2007.

The meeting closed at 1105 HRS