

MINUTES AND ACTION OUTCOMES OF THE WILLIAMTOWN CONSULTATIVE FORUM 5 HELD AT THE PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL'S MEETING ROOM ON 27 JULY 2005

Attendance:

List of attendees in Annex A.

ITEM No.	ITEM.	MINUTES	BY WHOM	ACTION AGREED
	<p>Introduction and opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Chair, Geoff Beck, Head Infrastructure (HI), opened the fifth meeting of the Williamtown Consultative Forum at 0900 HRS. In his opening remarks, Geoff Beck outlined the Agenda for the meeting. The meeting then proceeded with a discussion of individual agenda items and the Chair summarised each outcome. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In his introduction, the Chair expressed his concern with the general progress on some of the action items from previous Forum meetings. Defence was intending to increase efforts to move issues forward. 	Geoff Beck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action required
1	Agenda Item 4: Noise Monitoring Project Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence provided a brief on the draft <i>Noise & Flight Monitoring System Quarterly Report (NFPSM)</i> prepared for Defence by Air services Australia (AsA). The Chair explained that the Report is prepared in support of ongoing validity of the 2012 Australian Noise Exposure Forecast maps prepared for RAAF Base Williamtown and the Salt Ash Air Weapons Range. 	Louise Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On finalisation of the Report by AsA, Defence will distribute a copy of the Report to WCF members.
2	Agenda Item 5: Noise Attenuation at Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence provided an update on the progress of the noise attenuation works at the Salt Ash Public School. In response to a question from Mr Baldwin at WCCF 4, Ron Hunter of Defence advised Ms Michelle Moffat that if there is was a concern about the Salt Ash Public School works, she should advise Defence. State Government has called for tenders for the installation of air conditioning at Grahamstown Public School. Installation is anticipated to take place in the Sep/Oct school holidays. 	<p>Bob Grant</p> <p>Ron Hunter</p> <p>Jennifer Collison</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Moffat to confirm if Mr Baldwin has issues with works at Salt Ash School.

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3	<p data-bbox="301 108 902 164">Agenda Item 6: Signage SAWR Perimeter and Roads</p> <p data-bbox="301 403 902 435">Perimeter Fencing</p>	<ul data-bbox="914 108 1435 707" style="list-style-type: none"> Defence (CSIG) to meet with the NSW RTA to resolve some outstanding issues on road signage. Jennifer Collison of Premier's Department volunteered to arrange a meeting with on road signage with the NSW RTA/PSC/Defence. Defence described its approach to the SAWR perimeter fencing and signage. This includes all points of access (including creek entry) the range. Experience has shown Defence that the public tends to ignore fencing and signage around the range. Defence request WCF to advise Defence what else could be done to deter trespassers. Cr. Craig Baumann suggested to place a copy of the SAWR gazette map in the tourist information shopfront. 	<p data-bbox="1446 108 1696 140">Ron Hunter</p> <p data-bbox="1446 228 1696 260">Jennifer Collison</p> <p data-bbox="1446 347 1696 379">Louise Cairns</p> <p data-bbox="1446 547 1696 579">Bob Grant</p>	<ul data-bbox="1707 228 2134 818" style="list-style-type: none"> Premier's Department to assist with arranging a meeting with the NSW RTA if required. Next meeting to discuss how to advertisc restrictions on entry to SAWR. Defence to seek legal opinion on restrictions on entry to the Estuary. Defence to clarify the gazettal issues and provide members with a copy of the SAWR Gazette.
4	<p data-bbox="301 850 902 882">Agenda Item 7: Health Studies</p>	<ul data-bbox="914 850 1435 1393" style="list-style-type: none"> Defence advised that Air Quality Monitoring Program is close to commencement. Initial monitoring is to be focussed on the RAAF Base in order to provide a Benchmark for future monitoring at other sites beyond the Base. <i>Ms Moffat</i> requested that Defence consider including Beryllium in the Air quality Monitoring Program. Chair mentioned that the Tomago smelter and other similar facilities could contribute to the general pollution. The issue of water quality monitoring in the shire was discussed. 	<p data-bbox="1446 850 1696 882">Louise Cairns</p> <p data-bbox="1446 1058 1696 1090">Louise Cairns</p> <p data-bbox="1446 1201 1696 1233">Geoff Beck</p>	<ul data-bbox="1707 850 2134 1425" style="list-style-type: none"> Louise Cairns to provide updated on monitoring studies at WCF 6. Defence is to assess what could be done to respond to <i>Ms Moffat</i>. (Louise Cairns to check with SKM and Bob Grant to check with Defence OH&S). PSC to provide a briefing on PSC Water Monitoring programs at WCF 6.

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5	Agenda Item 8: Estuary Management Plan 12 Mile Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence advised that the final EMP for 12 Mile Creek will be tabled after consultation with PSC. 	Louise Cairns	
6	Agenda Item 9: Master Plan for RAAF Base Williamtown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence advised that the Draft Public Version of the RAAF Williamtown Master Plan is available. Defence has provided briefing to PSC and this session was also available to other WCF representatives. 	Bob Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WCF to provide comments on the Master Plan at the next meeting. Chair offered a further briefing to Bob Baldwin MP, PSC and DIPNR if required.
7	Agenda Item 10: State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This topic was raised at the last WCCF meeting by Bob Baldwin MP. The Chair advised that it may be a suitable topic to raise at the NSW Government/Defence consultative committee meeting in the second half of 2005. Defence explained that the ANEF contours on the map shows the noise exposure, not the dB values, and suggested that the "Buffer Zones" could be modelled on the QLD State Planning Policy SPP 01/02 - <i>Development in the Vicinity of Certain Aviation Facilities</i>. This Policy has already proved to work satisfactorily in QLD for protection of the civilian aerodromes and the Defence airfields and may need only a small adjustment if adopting them to the NSW requirements and conditions. <i>DIPNR advised that a new SEPP is not supported. The department is willing to attend a targeted meeting to discuss the best way of achieving the Defence goal.</i> 	Geoff Beck Erwin Wegner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geoffrey Beck to raise issue at Defence/NSW Govt Consultative meeting.
8	Agenda Item 11: Name of the Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence advised that the Minister for Defence agreed to the change in the title of the Forum from Williamtown Community Consultative Forum to Williamtown Consultative Forum. 	Geoff Beck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further action required.
9	Agenda Item 12: Waste Water Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WCF discussed the provision of Waste Water Treatment Infrastructure in the region. The Chair agreed to take the issue of waste water treatment to the NSW State Government/Defence Consultative Committee. 	Geoff Beck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geoff Beck to raise issue of sewerage infrastructure at Defence/NSW Government Consultative meeting.

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10	Agenda Item 12a: Senate Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair advised that the Minister for Defence agreed that Mr Baldwin remain as the only Commonwealth Parliament representative on the WCF. 	Geoff Beck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action required.
11	Agenda Item 13: Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed dates for the next meetings are 26 September and the 21 November 2005. 	Erwin Wegner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary to confirm with the WCF members.

The meeting closed at 11:40HRS