

FOWSA Meeting 10 (6 December 2019)

Agenda Item 5: Technical discussion: *Assessment of Measured Aircraft Noise*

Levels under the Existing Flight Paths of Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport Report

(Dr Rob Bullen, Wilkinson Murray)

Action Item 1 – Table of Departmental Engagement with Ancich & Carter (* excludes correspondence to FOWSA and other parties)

Date	Activity
April 2019	Department first aware of the Ancich report – as a result of a media query from the ABC.
19 April	Department provided with a copy of the report and technical appendices by Dr Ancich.
30 April	Ancich report and appendices passed to Wilkinson Murray (authors of the 2016 Aircraft Overflight & Operational Noise chapter of the EIS) for formal technical review (Dr Ancich informed of this in writing).
1 May	Wilkinson Murray provided their draft response to the Ancich report on 1 May (circulated across the department and to Airservices for review).
5 June	Dr Ancich wrote to the department and offered to present on his report.
7 June	FOWSA members were advised that : <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ a technical report by Dr Eric Ancich and Mr Don Carter had attracted local media attention.○ The report compares noise levels from aircraft arriving and departing Kingsford Smith Airport to those presented in the 2016 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) for Western Sydney Airport, which were based on indicative flight paths.○ the department had been in contact with the authors, who had provided a copy to the department.○ the department was currently conducting a technical review of the report.○ Members indicated that it would be good to be aware of the report and the department's review, should they encounter queries from their communities on the matter.○ The department offered to ask the authors for permission to share the report with FOWSA members.
28 June	Mr Carter confirmed that he and Dr Ancich were happy for the report to be circulated to FOWSA members.
2 August	Department shared the Wilkinson Murray review findings with Dr Ancich and Mr Carter and asked if they were available to meet and discuss them, Dr Ancich requested that the meeting be in person.
9 August	Departmental meeting in Canberra attended by Dr Ancich and Mr Carter
28 August	Email request from Mr Carter to attend and submit questions to 7 September. FOWSA (Departmental response sent 30 September – including confirmation that the Ancich report had been sent to FOWSA members).
30 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Departmental correspondence to Dr Ancich addressing issues raised at 9 August meeting.○ FOWSA members forwarded copies of the Ancich report and the Ancich Report Review (prepared by the department – attached below).

23 September	Dr Ancich wrote again reiterating earlier submissions and information contained in the Ancich report, and addressing the Wilkinson Murray review.
31 October	Mr Carter emailed seeking advice on the correspondence of 23 September
5 November	Departmental advice that matters would be discussed at the December 6 FOWSA
25 November & 5 December	Departmental invitation to Mr Carter and Dr Ancich for briefing on FOWSA presentation on Dr Rob Bullen's analysis of ' <i>Assessment of Measured Aircraft Noise Levels under the Existing Flight Paths of Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport Report</i> '. Meeting occurred at Penrith Panthers on 5 December
26 November & 2 December	Email request from Mr Carter to present to FOWSA meeting 10. On 2 December Department responded that the offer to present to a future FOWSA would be put to members at FOWSA meeting 10.
6 December	Dr Bullen presentation to FOWSA Dr Ancich wrote to the Department in connection with Dr Bullen's presentation.
17 December	Correspondence received from Dr Bullen further addressing claims made by Dr Ancich and Mr Carter (including in correspondence from Dr Ancich dated 6 December)
20 December	Department correspondence to Dr Ancich and Mr Carter stating that in its view the matter had been sufficiently addressed.