

**Western Sydney Aerotropolis
Community Consultative Committee**

Meeting no: 26

Date: 28 October 2025

Venue: via Zoom

Attendees	
<p>Community members</p> <p>Joe Herceg (JH)</p> <p>Paul Taglioli (PT)</p> <p>Sascha Vukmirica (SV)</p> <p>Diana Vukovic (DV)</p> <p>Paul Buhac (PB)</p> <p>Wayne Willmington (WW)</p> <p>Sam Aloï (SA)</p> <p>Ross Murphy (RM)</p> <p>Independent Community Commissioner</p> <p>Professor Roberta Ryan, Independent Community Commissioner (RR)</p> <p>Isa Crossland Stone, minute taker, office of the Independent Community Commissioner (ICS)</p> <p>Other attendees</p> <p>Kate Robinson, office of the Independent Community Commissioner (KR)</p>	<p>Government representatives</p> <p>Anthea Sergeant, Executive Director, State Rezoning, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, DPPI (AS)</p> <p>Isabel Virgona, Director State Rezoning, DPPI (IV)</p> <p>Carolyn Scott, Manager, State Rezoning, DPPI (CS)</p> <p>Simon Cousins, Senior Manager Partnerships and Engagement, Transport for NSW (SC)</p> <p>Claire Webster, Senior Engagement Manager, Sydney Metro (CW)</p> <p>Paul Higham, Head Western Sydney Development, Sydney Water (PH)</p> <p>Jack Johnstone, Strategic Partnerships – Regional Lead, Sydney Water (JJ)</p> <p>Katy Hannouch, General Manager, Community Engagement and Partnerships, WSA Co (KH)</p> <p>David Hill, Strategic Communications and Engagement, WSA CO (DH)</p> <p>Mark Hannan, Manager City Planning, Liverpool City Council (MH)</p>
<p>Apologies</p> <p>Gabriella Condello, community member</p> <p>Helen Anderson, community member</p> <p>Christine Gough, Penrith City Council</p>	

Item	Description	Action
1	Welcome, introductions and Acknowledgement of Country - RR	
	RR welcomes all attendees to the meeting.	
2	Approval of the previous meeting's minutes	
	The previous meeting's minutes are approved.	
3	Actions from last meeting – RR and KR	
	<p>KR refers to RM's concerns about the Ellizabeth Drive and Western Road intersection. There have been a series of meetings and exchanges between RR and TfNSW facilitated by SC.</p> <p>SC says that further intervention at the intersection is not proceeding. He notes the Elizabeth Drive upgrades of this section will be underway within the next two years.</p> <p>RM has received more detailed updates on this decision directly, given he has raised concerns in multiple CCC meetings. He says that there was another accident at the intersection last week, and he remains concerned but understands that TfNSW has made their assessment and has no further comment on the matter.</p> <p>KR refers to the last meeting, in which it was agreed that Sydney Water would meet with TD to discuss their Draft Scheme Plans.</p> <p>PH confirms that this has occurred.</p> <p>RR notes that she met with the Minister for Roads (Hon. Jenny Aitchison) last week and raised the issues that have come through this committee. RR and KR provided the Minister with a detailed briefing on these issues. The key takeaways from the meeting related to the local roads which are being seriously impacted by State project activities and traffic. There is a process underway to review the condition and future maintenance responsibility for these roads.</p> <p>At the meeting with the Minister, RR also discussed some of the other process issues around time taken around business cases, associated costs, etc.</p> <p>Additional funding for roads, as announced in the last budget, has also been helpful to push through some key works and works planning.</p> <p>RR says the Minister acknowledged the hard work of the community and passed along her thanks.</p>	

4	<p>Agency updates</p>	
	<p>Sydney Water – PH</p> <p>PH delivers an update on Sydney Water’s activity. Since the last meeting, the Scheme Plans for Duncans Mulgoa Creek area have been exhibited. Throughout October, Sydney Water has reviewed all of the feedback on scheme exhibitions, and they are making amendments and modifications to the plans where they are able to.</p> <p>Once the scheme design is complete, Sydney Water will finalise the cost estimation. The final plans (including detail on design, location, timing, costing, etc.) will likely go on exhibition in Q1 2026 for a 30-day consultation process.</p> <p>In parallel, Sydney Water will be taking proposals to government of the final business case, as well as the plans.</p> <p>They are hoping to move into the delivery phase from July 2026.</p> <p>The stormwater scheme will be delivered across 25-30 years as the precincts develop, with a reliance on developer delivered works as that is the most efficient way to deliver the scheme. Stormwater basins, for example, will be constructed in parallel with development delivered by developers.</p> <p>PH says where basins are located on other land, Sydney Water will look to acquire the necessary land and have the basin constructed.</p> <p>SA asks PH: when will the Wianamatta South Creek be looked at from a planning perspective.</p> <p>PH says that it has not been rezoned so Sydney Water will not consider it in their plans. It is green space and has not been zoned for development.</p> <p>RM notes that the Wianamatta South Creek Precinct is not zoned green space, it is un-zoned.</p> <p>PH cannot comment much further, except to say that the Wianamatta South Creek Precinct is not zoned for development and at this stage will not be reviewed for planning.</p> <p>DV says that CSR are pumping water out of their retention basins, into the South Creek and Badgerys Creek, causing flooding that has been very troublesome and far out of proportion.</p>	

	<p>Liverpool Council – MH</p> <p>MH says that Council is responding to a number of State Significant Development Applications (SSDAs) and Housing Delivery Authority (HDA) applications for across the Aerotropolis Precinct, and working closely with State Government., including the DPHI, Bradfield Development Authority, TfNSW and Sydney Water</p> <p>They are in preliminary negotiations for planning agreements with the Bradfield Development Authority, Inghams Property Group (IPG) and Greenfield Development Corporation.</p> <p>DV has raised incidents of illegal dumping at two sites (no. 45 and no.115) on Lawson Road and has submitted customer service requests with the Council.</p> <p>MH assures DV that her customer service requests around these properties have been logged and will be investigated/attended to. MH says that aerial views show dumping at 115 but he could not see any evidence at 45. DV says it is under the trees so it would be difficult to see.</p> <p>MH refers DV’s identification of the trucks with M6 branding to TfNSW. SC will follow this up.</p> <p>DV raises concerns about the speed limit and speed limit signage on Lawson Road and Martin Road. Residents have raised this issue with the EPA and also the police and have not received any resolution.</p> <p>MH says that speed limits and signage are not the jurisdiction of Council. He refers this matter to SC from TfNSW. SC says he will discuss this with the Road Safety team and organise a review of the speed limit and signage on these roads for appropriate action.</p> <p>JH asks about the Development Applications that are currently coming to the Council. Where do the proposed projects tend to be located? In what zones?</p> <p>MH says that the Precinct Plan was sequenced, but they are receiving applications out of sequence (in Precincts 2 and 3, as well as 1, which is the priority). The DAs are in the south, south-east and south-west of the Aerotropolis.</p> <p>He says Council is getting a lot of HDA (housing) applications around Kelvin Park Drive, and enterprise / industrial around Mersey Road as well as around the master plan sites. MH also notes the SSDA for Aldi at the Ingham site.</p>	<p>TfNSW to investigate potential dumping on Lawson Road by trucks working on the M6 project.</p> <p>TfNSW to review speed limit and signage on Lawson and Martin roads, and advise of action to be taken.</p>
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	<p>MH says Council is keen to follow the agreed sequencing (i.e. precinct 1, then 2 and 3) for development to maintain the integrity of the precinct plan, as opposed to having development at the same time in different precincts. He adds that some sites are not ready due to infrastructure needs (sewer and roads). He also notes that approvals for HDA's sit with the State Government.</p> <p>JH notes that the area was zoned about 5 years ago. It is a shame that, 5 years later, things are still at this very early point in terms of infrastructure, without many key services yet delivered. He hopes all governments learn from this experience and the importance of getting infrastructure in closer to the zoning coming through</p> <p>MH explains that the contributions plan was only endorsed by Council in 2024 and payments are not made until a construction certificate is issued, so they are starting from a very empty base with very limited funding to address the infrastructure backlog.</p> <p>TfNSW – SC</p> <p>SC says that the current focus is working towards 'Day 1' operations of the airport. They received \$50m in the State Budget for interim and minor road upgrades across the Aerotropolis network. Those projects will begin in early-2026 and expect to be completed by the end of 2027.</p> <p>There was a \$30m in the Budget for wayfinding road signage with signs going up on Elizabeth Drive and the Northern Road as well as at all other key decision points across the Aerotropolis network and beyond by the time the airport opens.</p> <p>TfNSW has taken possession of 43 new zero-emission buses, providing services to the airport until the train station is open and operational. There will be 5 routes, and buses will have space for luggage.</p> <p>SC says that the Mamre Stage 2 upgrade is on display for public comment until 30 November – see https://www.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/mamre-road-upgrade-stage-2</p> <p>The Safety works on Fifteenth Avenue are underway, and the main works for the main upgrade will be underway in 2027.</p> <p>The Elizabeth Drive Upgrade is expected to also be underway in 2027 and completed in 2030. The current intersection upgrade (an interim safety upgrade) at Western Riad and Elizabeth Drive will begin in the next few weeks and is expected to be completed by late 2025/early 2026.</p>	
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	<p>SC says upgrades are continuing on the Eastern Ring Road and Badgerys Creek Road. He adds that they have received funding for planning of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devonshire Link Road (important for easing freight traffic at the eastern end of Mamre Road) • Devonshire Road Upgrade • Bradfield Metro Link Road <p>SC shares that there will be a community drop-in session on 8 November.</p> <p>RM and PT ask if the M12 will be open before the airport opens.</p> <p>SC confirms that this is correct.</p> <p>PT asks about how TfNSW plans to approach maintenance of Badgerys Creek Road, which has been impacted badly by the Endeavour Energy works, and large sections are dangerous.</p> <p>SC says that TfNSW is going to be doing some betterment works (resurfacing and verges) on the road when the Endeavour work is complete. This will be undertaken early next year, so that it is operational by the opening of the airport in the second half of 2026.</p> <p>The final business case for the full upgrade for Badgerys Creek Road will be delivered in 2027. The North-South section of the road is highly important – for freight and for entry into Bradfield City Centre.</p> <p>PT agrees that it is extremely important. He notes that the announcement was made 2 years ago and the business case appears to have been quite delayed.</p> <p>Sydney Metro - CW</p> <p>CW provides an update on train and metro construction.</p> <p>She says that they have laid 27km of tracks (out of 45km).</p> <p>The in-ground stations are nearly complete, and the above-ground station concrete structures are also almost complete.</p> <p>The platforms have also been completed at Bradfield Station and are almost complete at most of the other stations.</p> <p>CW is unable to provide an opening date for the metro station at the airport. They are doing their best to progress work, but this cannot be confirmed currently.</p>	
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	<p>PT says that he has heard there are structural issues with the tunnels, and that this is causing delays. CW says that she has not heard of any structural issues and cannot provide any information.</p> <p>JH raises the metro corridor, where there has been a corridor preserved since about 2014. The corridor is mapped onto many private properties in Badgerys Creek. With the tunnelling now completed for the metro, JH asks when this drawn corridor can be removed, since it appears that it is not being used. He says people can't sell their properties.</p> <p>SC says that he is unsure about the status of these corridors, and he will follow up at TfNSW to seek an answer to JH's question.</p> <p>WSA Co – DH</p> <p>DH says that today was a 'mock crash' emergency exercise at the site, which was attended by emergency services, emergency service observers and plenty of community spectators.</p> <p>There will be exercises and tests occurring through the next few months.</p> <p>Every Tuesday and Thursday for the coming 4.5 months, there will be tests of the airport baggage system. This began last week.</p> <p>The submissions period for the WSA Masterplan closed last week, and they are now reviewing the feedback contained in those submissions. A supplementary report, as well as a revised master plan, will be submitted at the end of this year and once approved, will be made public (likely early in 2026).</p> <p>DH reports that the Community Aviation Consultation (CAD) group had its first meeting on 24 September. The chair is keen for grassroots community engagement, and they will hold an annual forum starting in 2026.</p> <p>DH also updates that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canine facilities near Pitt Street are progressing - The fire station is making good progress - The sonar tower and infrared tower are both progressing well - Construction of the Airport Business Park is expected to begin in early 2026. <p>DH says that they are hoping to invite community members of the CCC for tours of the new terminal in the coming months, before the end of the year.</p>	<p>SC to follow up at TfNSW to seek clarity about the status of the corridor that is mapped onto properties at Badgerys Creek, since it has not been used for the metro tunnel.</p>
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	<p>KH says that it has been a pleasure working with the community members of the CCC, and the community feedback has been very valuable and recently very positive.</p> <p>PT says that it was wonderful to attend the ‘mock crash’ exercise today, and to see the first plane land at the airport.</p> <p>PT asks if the noise contours are ‘locked in’ now.</p> <p>KH says that the Minister has confirmed the flight paths and the contours are therefore defined to support the airport opening. There is a commitment to regularly assessing the environmental impacts associated with the flight paths. There will continue to be a strong focus on noise amelioration in particular.</p> <p>IV (DPHI) clarifies that flight paths for runway 1 have been finalised. She notes the importance of the NSW planning system that embedded forecasted flight paths to support the dual operation airport i.e. two runways are protected. The ANEC noise contours are critical to ensuring a 24-hour curfew airport into the future.</p> <p>PT notes that during the exercises today, the plane landing noise was surprisingly low. Other community representatives agree. He notes that there is a lot more aircraft movement in the area generally, which is de-sensitising them to the noise.</p> <p>DH cannot comment on increased flight activity – this is the purview of Air Services Australia. He notes that there are some tweaks to the Sydney Airport flight paths being considered, and this may be the reason for more, and changed, flight activity.</p> <p>RM notes that the messaging around the timing of the airport opening has changed. It is not said to be opening in the ‘second half of 2026’, rather than in ‘late 2026’. Why is this?</p> <p>DH explains that they will begin with freight first and then begin domestic and international passenger flights. The beginning of services will be some time after June 2026, and the rephrasing as ‘the second half of 2026’ was intended to create more consistency around the expectation for opening.</p> <p>Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) - IV</p> <p>IV notes that the Draft Preliminary Master Plan for the Airport was exhibited, and that DPHI led a whole-government response to the draft master plan in collaboration with the other agencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IV notes that the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has established a working group with the Commonwealth and Western Sydney International (announced in late 	
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	<p>June this year) to discuss sensitive issues around the Aerotropolis and airport operation. The group has been tasked to look at three key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residential restrictions under ANEC contours with a focus on secondary dwellings - The long-term operation of the ANEC, particularly in relation to the operation of the ANEF, and - Impacts on Luddenham Village. <p>IV says that the Department will report back to the Minister on ways forward in these areas.</p> <p>RM asks IV about the timeframes for reporting back of the Working Group.</p> <p>IV says that there is not a definitive timeframe for reporting back on these priority areas. She says that she can take RM’s question on notice and confirm if there is a reporting timeline available. She assured RM that they are working on it.</p> <p>IV says that the Greenfield Development Corporation master plan has been exhibited and is currently under assessment.</p> <p>Appreciating everything is designed around the noise contours, JH feels that the Department of Planning is missing a huge opportunity to use the land more wisely to increase housing density in the area and assist with meeting urgent housing needs. He notes that the FSRs are very low where there are no ANEC impacts. He suggests the Department looks at the FSR’s and density of the whole area.</p> <p>IV notes that the intent with the Precinct Plans was that they be reviewed at intervals. Expectations and planning priorities tend to shift over time.</p> <p>CS confirmed that the precinct plan commits to review every 5 years. Given the precinct plan was adopted in 2022, we have 2 years before a scheduled review. She notes that the permeability of the development area was intentionally set high to control water infiltrating into the ground soil and reduce the loads that go into Sydney Water’s scheme.</p> <p>JH reiterates that the land appears to be seriously underutilised. He estimates that no more than 40% of the land is being used, and it is a missed opportunity for developing important housing stock.</p> <p>WW notes that Minister Scully commented to the media last week that Luddenham Village is under a flight path, and that this was surprising. It appears that the Minister does not understand Luddenham.</p> <p>IV suggests that this may be based on the fact that the ANEC contours do cross through the existing Luddenham Village. WW</p>	<p>IV will come back to RM, via KR, with more information on the expected timeframes for the progress and reporting of the Minister’s new Working Group.</p>
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	<p>also notes that there has been no flight noise in Luddenham – it appears that there is no flight path overhead. He is concerned about the comment, given that it seems to be inaccurate.</p> <p>WW also notes that there is lots of discussion in the community about a planned shopping centre in Luddenham, though this also seems to be unclear and unconfirmed. For members of the Luddenham community, there is still so much uncertainty and the circulation of unclear information is very frustrating.</p> <p>IV acknowledges these concerns and reassures WW that Luddenham remains a priority.</p>	
7	Community discussion	
	<p>The agency representatives leave the meeting.</p> <p>RR thanks all of the community members for their participation and questions for the agency representatives.</p> <p>RR shares that her appointment as the Independent Community Commissioner for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis will conclude at the end of the year. In the meantime, she and KR will be working to ensure that the relevant agencies are equipped as well as possible.</p> <p>She said that with the community members, they had achieved a great deal since the CCC was established, but that unfortunately there are issues that remain unresolved, for example around acquisition, local roads, CPCP modification, Wianamatta South Creek, the rezoning of Luddenham etc.</p> <p>RR understands there is a commitment to continue the community open days, with each agency taking a turn with the coordination.</p> <p>RR thanks the community representatives for their consistent, long-term efforts on the committee. She also thanks KR, and acknowledges KR’s hard work for the CCC, and in facilitating communication between community members and agencies, over many years.</p>	