

Pre-EIS Communications and Engagement Plan – Proposed Hume Helicopter Operations Base

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Background

Secure Aviation (Holdings) Pty Ltd and its sister company Forestrack Pty Ltd are seeking approval to construct and operate a helicopter operation base on Shepherd Street, Hume. The base will be located on Block 45, Section 3 in Hume.

The ACT Government has stipulated that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be created and submitted for consideration prior to lodging a development application. Prior to developing an EIS, Canberra Town Planning, the contractor charged with managing the project planning process, is seeking early community and key stakeholder feedback to help shape the next planning steps.

Objectives of stakeholder and community engagement

The objectives of this engagement plan are to:

- a. inform key stakeholders about the proposed scope and development of a new helicopter base in Hume
- b. gather and record initial feedback, thoughts and concerns from stakeholders to help advise the planning contractor of challenges that may impact the EIS planning phase of the project.

Stakeholder engagement approach – pre-EIS

Communication Link will engage key organisations and community representative groups through individual face-to-face meetings over a two-week period in October 2019. The list of these stakeholders and an analysis of their relationship to the proposed development is detailed at Table 1. A further list of stakeholders is included at Table 2 for reference; some of these stakeholders may have already been part of engagement by the proponent, others can wait until stage 2.

Additional stakeholder engagement option:

To gather additional general community feedback for the pre-EIS consultation period, Communication Link recommends hosting a community drop-in session at a locality close to the development site, such as the Jerrabomberra shopping centre, or similar. This event would be promoted through resident's associations.



Table 1 - List of stakeholders for Pre-EIS meetings

Stakeholder	Relationship to project	Contact point and proposed engagement
Canberra Model Aircraft Club	The club is located 2.5km from the proposed site and may be affected by increased helicopter activity in the area.	Contact method: Direct Contact to President Mitch Bannink Phone: 0411 533 989 Email: president@cmac.org.au Engagement approach: Face to face at meeting at club premises.
Hume businesses on Sheppard Street Hume	Hume businesses in Sheppard St are the most directly impacted properties.	Engagement approach: Door knock
Hume Traders Association	Will have significant interest in the construction and operational impacts.	Contact method: Direct Contact: info@nationalmailing.com.au 6269 1000 Engagement approach: Attend committee meeting
Inner South Community Council	The inner south residents of Narrabundah are located 5.7km from the proposed helicopter base and may harness perceptions of increased noise pollution.	Contact method: Contact Chairperson: Marea Fatseas info@isccc.org.au Engagement approach: Attend committee meeting



Jerrabomberra Residents Association	Has significant interest in the noise and vibration impacts, considering there is some concern over existing noise levels from current aviation activity	Contact method Direct Contact to Jerrabomberra Residents Association President: Margot Sachse 0419 189 211 Engagement approach: Attend committee meeting
*Queanbeyan residents' representative group	Queanbeyan West residents are located 3km from the proposed site.	Contact method: *No active residents association is identified. Recommend approaching Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council for advice on this matter. Engagement approach: TBC
Tuggeranong Community Council	Residents of Macarthur and Gilmore are located within 5km of the proposed site and may harness perceptions of increased noise pollution.	Contact method: Contact President directly Glenys Patulny info@tuggeranong.org.au 0431 235 970 Engagement approach: Attend committee meeting
Village Building company	Village Building Company will have significant vested interest as its new suburban development. South Jerrabomberra, is located less than 1km from the proposed site.	Contact method: Contact directly Engagement approach: Face to face on site meeting



Table 2 - Additional Stakeholder list

Stakeholder	Relationship to project	Contact point and proposed engagement
ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development directorate (EPSDD)	Has significant interest in planning process.	Contact method Direct Contact to EPSDD Engagement approach: Keep informed via planning and design process.
ACT Heritage Council	Has a planning interest in yet known heritage artefacts that may be uncovered during construction	Contact method Direct Contact to NCA Engagement approach: Keep informed via planning and design process.
ACT Region Conservation Council	The Conservation Council is the peak environment body in the ACT and may have concerns over the environmental impacts of the physical development	Contact method: Direct contact to Executive Director Helen Oakey 6229 3200 info@conservationcouncil.org.au Engagement approach: Keep informed via planning and design process.
Alexander Maconochie Centre	The Alexander Maconochie Centre is 1.5km from the proposed site and may have concerns regarding noise impacts and or security concerns	Contact method: Direct contact through the ACT Justice and Community Services Directorate. Engagement approach: Keep informed via planning and design process.
Canberra Airport	Canberra Airport has concerns around usage of limited airspace and requires the future helicopter base to work in with the Airport's flight control arrangements	Contact method: Direct contact with the airport Engagement approach: Keep informed via planning and design process.



Friends of Grasslands ACT	Jerrabomberra West and East are native grassland reserves that are of interest to the Friends of Grasslands community group	Contact method: Contact should be made directly to the President: president@fog.org.au 0403 221 117 Engagement approach: Keep informed via planning and design process.
National Capital Authority	The Monaro Highway is an approach route under the National Capital Plan and the NCA has a key interest in ensuring the development is benefitting of the National Capital	Contact method: Direct Contact to NCA Engagement approach: Keep informed via planning and design process.
Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council (QPRC)	Has significant interest in the impacts felt by residents	Contact method: Direct contact to the council Engagement approach: Keep informed via planning and design process.
Queanbeyan Racecourse	The racecourse is 3.5km from the proposed site. Additional helicopter movements may be considered a risk with regards to startling or unsettling horses.	Contact method: Direct contact to the council Engagement approach: Keep informed via planning and design process.
Southcare Toll Helicopter base	Located approximately 1km from the proposed site, the Toll Southcare rescue and aeromedical services operates for emergency purposes only and will have a vested interest in additional flight activities in the area.	Contact method Direct Contact to ACT operations manager Engagement approach: Keep informed via planning and design process.



Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS)	Has an interest in the traffic impacts during construction and operation.	Contact method Direct Contact to TCCS Engagement approach: Keep informed via planning and design process.
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