

Brisbane Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group

Purpose and Terms of Reference

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Background

Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) undertakes a number of initiatives to achieve effective community engagement about the impacts, both positive and negative, of the airport on its neighbours and community sectors.

As part of this engagement program, the Brisbane Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (BACACG) is designed as an independently chaired forum to promote informed and responsive community engagement between the airport and its surrounding communities, on issues relating to operations at Brisbane Airport.

The BACACG provides a forum to generate informed, ongoing and interactive discussion on aircraft technologies, potential amenity impacts from increased aircraft operations, and airspace management processes.

The BACACG is also designed to consider, and provide recommendations and advice on, specific queries and submissions from individuals about the airport's operations, using the technical expertise of representatives from the aviation industry.

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference that guide the BACACG will evolve over time to ensure an engaged, informed and responsive outcome, including:

- BAC will update the BACACG members on project developments such as Future BNE, Terminal 3, Active Transport, engagement activities and events, and passenger trends and new services;
- Engage and work with state and local government to address issues of land-use planning in areas subjected to existing, or expected increased, aircraft overflights to endeavour to minimise adverse operational impacts of any residential encroachments;
- Following a commitment from the Federal Government in 2022, the AAB was established as an ongoing, independent community-based consultation body that provides an opportunity to share information and advice to and from the community to better manage consultation on aircraft noise around Brisbane Airport. The BACACG members should consider where appropriate to refer matters relating to aircraft noise to the AAB for further investigation;
- Engage Airservices Australia to advise on: (i) the airspace management procedures and flight paths at Brisbane Airport, (ii) noise mitigation procedures; and (iii) industry commitments to compliance and continuous improvement;
- Improving the availability and quality of the information being supplied to community members that could be affected by significant aircraft overflights and associated noise;

- Assess and understand trends of community questions and identify response procedures, including a) communicating with individual residents and communities, b) feeding back the complaint trend data to relevant authorities including the Brisbane Airport Community Airspace Advisory Board (AAB) and c) engaging with relevant authorities to develop strategies to address significant community issues; and
- To review, discuss and engage with the appropriate organisations regarding any other community-related issues, as needed.

Membership

Membership of the BACACG is drawn across the Greater Brisbane area, a Community Representative is nominated by each of the sitting Federal House of Representatives Members of Parliament whose seats directly border the Airport and/or are within a 30-kilometre radius.

Type of Member	Representation
Independent Chairperson <i>Nominated by BAC</i>	1
Representative of Brisbane City Council	1
Representative of the Queensland Government	1
Community Representatives <i>Nominated by adjacent Federal Members</i>	9
Airline Industry Representatives <i>Nominated by two (2) major airlines</i>	2
Airservices Australia	2
Brisbane Airport Corporation	2
Total Members	19

The Independent Chairperson may invite additional members and/or guests where appropriate.

Role of Members

BACACG members will facilitate queries and submissions from their local communities, and to list any issues for discussion by the Group.

Secretariat

Community Engagement Manager, Communications and Public Affairs, BAC.

- Liaison with Chairperson;
- Notification of meetings, agendas, and actions;

- Administration and correspondence; and
- Advertising, promotion, and reporting.

Schedule of Meetings

The BACACG will meet four (4) times per year, at the Brisbane Airport Head Office.

Alternative meeting locations will be nominated by the Chair where appropriate.

Website, Advertising, and Communications

A page on the BAC website will provide information and resources to make submissions, direct complaints and submit questions to the BACACG via a dedicated BACACG inbox.

The existence, purpose, function and activities of the BACACG may be promoted through:

- Federal, local and state political representatives;
- Community groups in areas with the majority of aircraft overflights;
- Media relations;
- Advertising in local community newspapers;
- Establishment of a dedicated website; and
- Other activities as suggested and endorsed by the BACACG members.