

# WELLINGTON AIR NOISE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## MEETING NOTES Monday 10 March 2025

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**Present:**

Lindsay Daysh – Convenor  
Patrick Whelan – BARNZ (via TEAMS)  
Eric Morgan – Air New Zealand/Airline Rep (via TEAMS)  
Tim Whitehead - Airways NZ (via TEAMS)  
Edward Dyer – Wellington City Council Representative (via TEAMS)  
Craig Redpath – Life Flight Trust  
Aaron Gilmore – Western Resident representative  
Helen Salisbury – Western Resident representative  
Jason Colton – Eastern Resident representative  
Robin Boldarin - Eastern Resident representative

Jo Lester – WIAL Planning Manager  
Richard Dalby – WIAL GM Commercial  
Nannette Dempsey – WIAL Community Liaison Officer  
James Dobson – WIAL Environmental Compliance Planner

**Absent:** Jeff Weir – Eastern Resident Representative

### 1 Welcome:

1.1 The meeting commenced at 5:33pm.

### 2 Minutes of the Last Meeting:

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting (9 December 2024) were accepted as a true and accurate record.

*Moved:* Helen Salisbury

*Seconded:* Jason Colton

### ANMC Actions Update (from previous meeting):

Date Action generated	Action	By whom/Due	Update
13/03/2023	Patrick to invite Hugh Pierce (Air NZ) to ANMC meeting to provide a presentation to the committee on take-off procedures. Again, if unable to attend, can forward any questions from the committee to the representative.	PW	Ongoing
13/03/2023	DMAPS Update	WIAL/Airways	High court date is 12 May
09/12/2024	EMAS Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask Tonkin &amp; Taylor for comparison of noise received between the runway overlay project in 2020 and EMAS project.</li> <li>Trenching Machine noise data for noise modelling.</li> </ul>	Jo L/Alex S	Refer to update in Section 3.1
09/12/2024	Follow up on noise abatement procedure complaints laid with CAA	Jo L	Refer to update in Section 3.2
09/12/2024	Jo Lester to follow up with Envirosuite why in the Operational Analysis report shows so many 'unknown' aircraft types	Jo L	Envirosuite noticed there are a few operations with unknown aircraft types – they are investigating to populate these.

## 3 ANMC Actions update

### 3.1 EMAS Project

- Works are due to start on 6 April.
- Figures (by T&T) showing the predicted 45 dB LAeq noise contours for the EMAS project and the overlay work were sent to Committee in email on 20th December (along with the draft minutes). They were also included at end of this meeting's noise papers. In general, these works have a smaller noise footprint than the previous works.

### 3.2 Noise abatement procedure complaints laid with CAA

- The CAA explained to Jo L that they have a triage procedure which requires meeting certain parameters to warrant an escalation or any action. They confirmed that they keep records for monitoring purposes to detect any trends. In terms of the helicopter incident, they did reach out to the owner to make them aware of procedures. The CAA reiterated that anyone can complain to them if they believe procedures are not followed.
- In relation to the Air NZ flight discussed at previous meeting, Air NZ have followed this up by putting an article in their quarterly safety publication to encourage crews to be more mindful of noise abatement procedures and to be aware of different port specific requirements.

## 4 Noise Management Plan

### 4.1 Noise Enquiries Summary

- Seven Complaints:

Two complaints from Korokoro:

- 1 complaint about a loud overhead flight. Flight complied with CAA and curfew rules.
- 1 complaint about a significant number of low flying flights over Korokoro and made a complaint about a specific flight. Assured complainant there have been no flight path changes resulting in increased flights over this area. The flight in question was a medical emergency aircraft (Life Flight Trust) and explained that the pilot will understandably take the most direct route to the destination.

Two complains from Roseneath

- 1 complaint about Qantas aircraft creating much more noise compared to other aircraft. Explained that one of the strategies of WIAL's climate-related disclosures for FY24 is to encourage technology advancements in the aviation sector.
- 1 complaint about aeroclub flight over residential area during the day. Aeroclub sent a reminder to pilots to avoid flying over populous areas during the evening.

One complaint from Rongotai

- 1 complaint about overnight noise from aircraft while no aircraft in the air. Complainant noticed nothing was in the air but they could still hear it. Causing disturbance past 2am. The likely cause of the noise was a LifeFlight helicopter.

One complaint from Lyall Bay

- 1 complaint about Jetstar aircraft departing at 12:45am but was during statutory holiday period outlined in the curfew exception.

One complaint from Upper Hutt

- 1 complaint about a plane continuously flying over Upper Hutt quite low during the day. One complaint about being disturbed by aeroclub aircraft flying over residential areas after 10pm.

### 4.2 Summary of Curfew Movements

Nothing to report/No comments.

## 5 System Reports:

### 5.1 Ldn Graph

- Jo explained that there was some unusually loud data from the Rongotai College monitor (i.e. over 65 dbA Ldn) during February – WIAL queried this with Envirosuite and they

found that it appears that the source of the noise is insects (i.e. cicadas) which are very close to the microphone between 9:30 and 3pm. Envirosuite subsequently correlated the aircraft noise events which were significantly contaminated by cicada noise, and sent revised data through. This was done by manually reviewing each aircraft noise event by listening to audio to see whether the Lmax is caused by aircraft or cicadas.

- Contractor will go on site to see if there is anything that can be done to reduce the impact of cicada noise.

## *5.2 Noise Monitoring Terminal (NMT) - Operational Analysis*

- New noise monitors were installed on 30 January.

## **6 Quieter Homes Update<sup>1</sup>**

- Initial site inspections for Area 5 are ongoing, with 36 of the 51 applications completed and more scheduled.
- Construction for Area 4 is nearly complete, and construction for Area 5 will begin in May.
- Late applications are still being received for Areas 3 and 4.

## **7 General Business**

**7.1** James D provided an update on the East Side Area Carpark project. Completion is expected around mid-April.

- All preparation work has been completed with surfacing of the carpark starting this week (11/03). This will take approximately 2 weeks. Following the completion of the surfacing works, finishing touches will start, this will include, standing light posts, line marking, signage, planting, fencing, and seeding of grass areas.

**7.2** James D provided an update on the works on the taxiway at the southern area of the runway (Stub A9/A10).

- Works are off to a good start, other than a lost shift due to weather. Program is still looking on track for completion on the week of 24th March.

**7.3** James D provided an update on EMAS works. Plans are being finalised, with construction set to start on 6th of April.

- A project-specific Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (CNVMP) has been finalised.
- Resident representative asked if the CNVMP can be circulated.

**ACTION:** James D to circulate CNVMP to the ANMC.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/documents/4233/Quieter\\_Homes\\_Roll\\_Out\\_Map\\_MAY\\_2024.pdf](https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/documents/4233/Quieter_Homes_Roll_Out_Map_MAY_2024.pdf)

#### 7.4 Jo L provided an update on Seawall Renewal Project:

- Noise Assessment is still being undertaken. There has been some back and forth as to whether any piling needs to be done. Contractors are still trying to avoid the need for piling to be undertaken (to avoid noise that it generates) so assessment still cannot be completed for that yet. There will be a project specific construction noise management plan.
- Traffic Management – all deliveries of rock and cubipods will occur over multiple years to the proposed Miramar Golf Course Yard. Heavy vehicle noise is unlikely to be significant as a result. During day they can also tailor traffic movements to avoid peak traffic and night time hours.
- The proposed Moa Point Construction yard adjacent to the southern seawall is proposed to be used as a surge pile area so that Miramar Golf Course yard does not have to be used at night (given that during night there is a reprieve for neighbours in curfew).
- Planning to lodge fast track consent by the end of June.

7.5 Resident Rep asked about status of the District Plan Appeals - Jo L confirmed that these have the same status as the last December meeting.

8 The meeting closed at 6.28pm.

The next meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

#### ANMC ACTIONS

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13/03/2023	DMAPS Update	WIAL/Airways	Ongoing as required
11/03/2023	Update on seawall project with respect to noise effects	WIAL	When update needed
10/03/2025	EMAS Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project CNVMP to be circulated to the ANMC</li></ul>	James D	March 2025

#### 2025 Meeting Schedule (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of months March/June/September/December)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December