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Bankstown Airport

Master Plan  
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### 5.1 Consultation & Public Comment Overview

Consultation with airport stakeholders is a key part of the Airport Master Plan development process. Stakeholders in Bankstown Airport have been identified, in key groupings, as follows:

- aviation industry tenants, users and industry representatives;
- non-aviation tenants and users;
- Local, State and Commonwealth Government departments and agencies;
- the local community; and
- various business groups.

In addition the Airports Act 1996 required BAL to place its PDMP on public exhibition for a period of 90 days.

### 5.2 BAL Consultation Philosophy

The philosophy BAL has adopted in the preparation of this MP has been to inform airport stakeholders of the development of the MP and to provide information on the master planning process, including public consultation aspects. BAL considers this an important process for this initial MP for Bankstown Airport.

The public consultation strategy for the PDMP was designed to inform and encourage community involvement and to ensure that there is clear and transparent communication.

BAL has conducted the consultation process well beyond the requirements of the Airports Act. Details of the extensive consultation process undertaken are contained in this document.

### 5.3 Consultation During the Development of the PDMP

During the development of the PDMP, BAL undertook a range of consultation activities including general activity, stakeholder specific activity and community consultation. These activities are described in further detail below.

#### 5.3.1 General Activity

The primary general activity involved the distribution of newsletters containing information relating to the Master Plan. PDMP specific newsletters were distributed in February 2004 and the second in June 2004. The PDMP specific newsletters were distributed to:

- all airport tenants;
- Local, State and Federal government representatives and agencies; and
- members of the public who registered interest in the Airport PDMP.

The Bankstown Airport Flyer, distributed in April 2004 to 23,000 households, in the vicinity of Bankstown Airport also contained information on the PDMP. Other general activity included posting details of the master planning process on the Bankstown Airport website.

#### 5.3.2 Stakeholder Specific Activity

In addition to the general activity outlined above, consultation activity has taken place with specific airport stakeholders including the aviation industry, airport tenants/users, all levels of government and the community.

A Bankstown Airport Community Consultative Forum (BACCF) was established during preparation of the PDMP. Representative members of the community were selected based on an open expression of interest and their ability to meet specifically designed selection criteria. An independent and skilled chairperson/facilitator was engaged to chair the meetings.

The role of the BACCF is to enable stakeholders to be consulted and become involved in issues relating to the master planning of Bankstown Airport in a constructive and effective manner.

The broader community were kept informed of the development of the PDMP and invited to register interest in the master plans, make comment and receive information by:

- advertisements printed in local newspapers;
- designated telephone line, e-mail address, fax and mailing address; and
- provision of information on the Bankstown Airport web site.

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### 5.4 The 90 Day Public Comment Period

The public was informed about the exhibition of the PDMP and the formal public comment and exhibition period of the PDMP through:

- notifications in general, local and ethnic newspapers (the Daily Telegraph, The Canterbury –Bankstown Torch, The Express, The Liverpool Leader, The Liverpool Champion, The Fairfield Advance; The Future Arabic Newspaper, Fairfield Champion, and south-western Sydney Council and Community newsletters). Notifications provided information on how submissions could be made and closing dates for the receipt of submissions and the exhibition period. People and organisations who registered their interest in the PDMP were also notified by email, while information was also given to and disseminated by BACCF.

During the 90 day public comment period, the PDMP was exhibited through:

- display of summary boards at 14 different locations, including the airport, local libraries, council chambers and other public sites;
- display of the full PDMP document at 11 sites including the airport, local libraries and other public sites;
- placement of the full PDMP on the Bankstown Airport web-site in a user-friendly, chapter-by-chapter format; and
- sale/distribution of over 300 copies of the PDMP on CD.

In addition, during the 90 day public comment period, further consultation was undertaken through the following mechanisms:

- a series of meetings with key stakeholders, including Bankstown City Council (BCC), the NSW Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Resources (DIPNR) and various NSW government agencies;
- distribution of further information on the PDMP to the aviation industry and tenants via BAL's regular newsletter (3 editions of the newsletter containing information on the PDMP were distributed during the public comment period);
- distribution of further information on the PDMP to the community through a newsletter distributed to 25,000 local residents and interested parties; and

- four meetings of BACCF, during which presentations were made by BAL, URS, DoTaRS, BCC, Airservices Australia (ASA) and community representatives.