



31 July 2025

Expert Panel
Sunfield Fast-track Application
FTAA – 2503 – 1039

RE: SUNFIELD FAST-TRACK APPLICATION – RESPONSE TO MINUTE 5 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Although this is not an Environment Court proceeding, I Bridget Wouts of L+R Airport Consulting, confirm that I have read the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses contained in the Environment Court Practice Note 2023 and have complied with it in preparing the *Proposed Sunfield Development Ardmore Airport Safeguarding* report, for the purposes of the Sunfield Fast-track application.

I confirm that the issues addressed in this that report are within my area of expertise and that I have reported on them impartially. I declare that I have no relationship with Sunfield other than through the engagement of my employer, L+R Airport Consulting, to prepare this report and to provide advice on airport safeguarding matters, and that have no interest in the outcome of the proceeding.

As requested by the Expert Panel, details of my qualifications and relevant experience accompany this letter.

Yours faithfully,

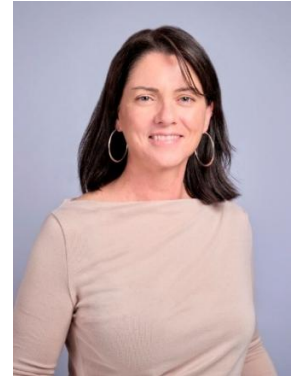
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BRIDGET WOUTS

PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT

- Master of Community Planning and Development, La Trobe University, 2013
- Bachelor of Arts (Geography), University of Calgary, Canada 1999
- Commercial Pilot, Flight Instructor, Calgary, Canada 1996



Bridget is an aviation industry professional with a broad range of experience, from flight training instruction to regional airport management. As manager of Bendigo Airport between 2009 and 2014 Bridget was responsible for project managing a major redevelopment including securing funding, design, property acquisition, planning scheme amendments and environmental approvals for a new runway.

Since joining L+R Airport Consulting in 2016, Bridget has played key roles in numerous aeronautical studies including risk assessments, safety cases and airport safeguarding assessments. These total over 50 developments on and around Moorabbin, Bankstown, Essendon, Western Sydney and Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airports, against the Australian National Airports Safeguarding Framework, as well as permanent and temporary intrusions into operational airspace. Bridget has also managed L+R Airport Consulting's helipad flight path protection services since 2017 including over 200 assessments of proposed developments impacts on safe and unfettered operation of hospital helicopter landing sites.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION & ROLE
Western Sydney International Airport Safeguarding Statements Various clients, 2021-25	Project Manager for eight (8) Airport Safeguarding Statements undertaking review of proposed developments against the SEPP and WSIA Airport Safeguarding Tool in accordance with National Airports Safeguarding Framework.
Sunfield Development, Ardmore Airport Sunfield Developments Ltd 2023-25	Project Manager for aviation safeguarding assessment to inform the master planning of a proposed residential and industrial community adjacent to Ardmore Airport in Auckland, NZ
Parafield Airport District Outlet Centre Aviation Assessment Devwest, 2023-24	Project Manager for aviation assessment of Stage 2 of proposed commercial development on Parafield Airport against National Airports Safeguarding Framework Guidelines for Major Development Plan.
Helipad Technical Services Victorian Department of Health, 2016 - Ongoing	Project Manager for assessment of developments and Crane Construction Management Plans referred to the Department for impacts to hospital helicopter flight paths. This work has also involved providing technical advice in relation to planning and design of proposed helipads and associated hospital redevelopments for Frankston, Monash and Geelong.

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The Aviator Development, SA City of Onkaparinga, 2024	Assisted with peer review of a risk assessment/safety case for the establishment of a private tourism aviation facility immediately adjacent the existing Aldinga aerodrome.
Melbourne Airport Runway Overlay Project Melbourne Airport 2022	Assisted in the development of runway temporary displaced threshold design including obstacle and visual aids requirements, to facilitate runway overlay works.
Moorabbin Airport Technical Assistance Moorabbin Airport Corporation / Goodman Property Services 2016 – ongoing	Project Manager for a range of ongoing services to Moorabbin Airport Corporation and Goodman, including: - Operational support and assistance with aircraft parking and manoeuvring layout options, aerodrome manual charts, and other CASR Part 139 compliance requirements. - Assessment of approximately twenty-five (25) on-airport developments against National Airports Safeguarding Framework; and - Assessment of applications for controlled activities into the operational airspace of Moorabbin Airport, including the process of liaison with CASA and Airservices Australia.
Essendon Fields Airport Aviation Assessments Essendon Fields, 2017 – ongoing	Project Manager of approximately fifteen (15) various aviation assessments including the proposed office development and new hangar and large commercial developments on Essendon Fields Airport against National Airports Safeguarding Framework requirements.
Bankstown Airport Aviation Assessments Aeria Management Group 2017 – ongoing	Project Manager for various aviation assessments on and off airport against the National Airports Safeguarding Framework (NASF) Guidelines.
Dubbo City Regional Airport Aviation Technical Services Dubbo Regional Council, 2022-24	Project Manager for a range of ongoing services such as airport planning, apron design and liaison with key stakeholders including CASA, Airservices and key airport and council personnel.
Suburban Rail Loop – Airspace Assessments SRLA / Gamuda 2022-24	Assessment of temporary intrusions into Moorabbin Airport prescribed airspace to support controlled activity applications for construction plant for the construction of the initial and early works and the southern stabling yards works packages. Assistance with preparation of risk assessments, management and communication plans to support the approvals.
Moorabbin Airport Master Plan 2021 Moorabbin Airport Corporation, 2020-21	Assisted with the Moorabbin Airport draft Master Plan 2021 with various airport components including preparing ANEF, NASF Guidelines, Public Safety Areas and prescribed airspace review.
Melbourne Airport Obstacle Control Procedures Review Melbourne Airport, 2019	Principal Consultant for review of Chapter 12 of the Melbourne Airport Aerodrome Manual procedures for the control of obstacles against APARs. Risk review of identified gaps and non-compliances in accordance with APAM risk framework and identification of management actions.
Merimbula Airport Airside Infrastructure Bega Valley Shire Council, 2017-19	Review of compliance and airspace issues associated with proposed runway starter extension concept and preliminary design including risk assessment/safety and negotiation with CASA and other stakeholders.
Moorabbin Airport 2016 – 18	Review of windshear and turbulence modelling assessments and development of operational management and mitigation measures for any identified risks in accordance with NASF Guideline B and the proposed draft update (2017).
City of Greater Bendigo 2009 – 2014	Airport Manager responsible for implementation and management of the Bendigo Airport Strategic Plan. Prepared funding applications, council reports, aerodrome operations manual, business plans, leases and audits. Manager of airport operations, business and development.