

REPORT OF THE KAPITI COAST AIRPORT NOISE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2014

This is the seventh Annual Report of the Community Liaison Group (CLG), which was established to comply with the requirements in the Kapiti Coast Airport Holdings Limited (KCAHL) Noise Management Plan (NMP).

The CLG is made up of the following people:

- **Community** – 3 persons appointed by the Kapiti Coast District Council (KCDC)
 - Jonny Best, representing Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board
 - David Blair, representing Kapiti Retirement Trust
 - Don Day
- **Airport Operators** – 2 persons appointed by KCAHL and KCDC
 - Graeme Barrell, representing Kapiti Aero Club.
 - Bryan Sharpe, representing Wellington Gliding Club.
- **Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai**
 - Jack Rikihana
- **Airport Company**
 - Robert Binney, Chief Executive, Kapiti Coast Airport Holdings Ltd
- **Airport Manager**
 - Jason Russell
- **Independent Chairman** – appointed jointly by Kapiti Coast District Council and Kapiti Coast Airport Holdings Ltd
 - Gordon Strachan

The committee is assisted with advisors from Kapiti Coast District Council.

The purpose of CLG is "to consider and, where appropriate, make recommendations to the Airport Manager on aircraft noise issues and concerns that arise from the operation and activities at the Airport".

Full Terms of Reference are described in the Noise Management Plan, which is available in full at the following location:

[www.kapiticoastairport.co.nz/media/pdfs/Kapiti_Coast_Airport_Noise_Management_Plan -
Sept_2012.pdf](http://www.kapiticoastairport.co.nz/media/pdfs/Kapiti_Coast_Airport_Noise_Management_Plan_-_Sept_2012.pdf)

This report will describe how aircraft movement numbers have declined at the airport over the last several years and that noise complaints have significantly reduced over time. It is also believed that the nearby residents have a much improved understanding of the airport operations and have become more accepting of noise generated by airport activities. The cessation of the helicopter training operations has certainly been a factor in there being fewer noise complaints but on the other hand the loss of the helicopter activity has been at some economic cost to the Airport and community.

Aircraft Movements Data

The table below shows actual aircraft movements as recorded by the Airport. The airport noise contour modelling for the District Plan was based on 96,000 aircraft movements per annum.

Movements in 2014 decreased versus 2013. This is primarily a result of lower fixed wing training activity by both Helipro and Kapiti Aero Club due to changes in government funding for student pilots and the transfer of Helipro flight training activities to Palmerston North from 31 August 2013.

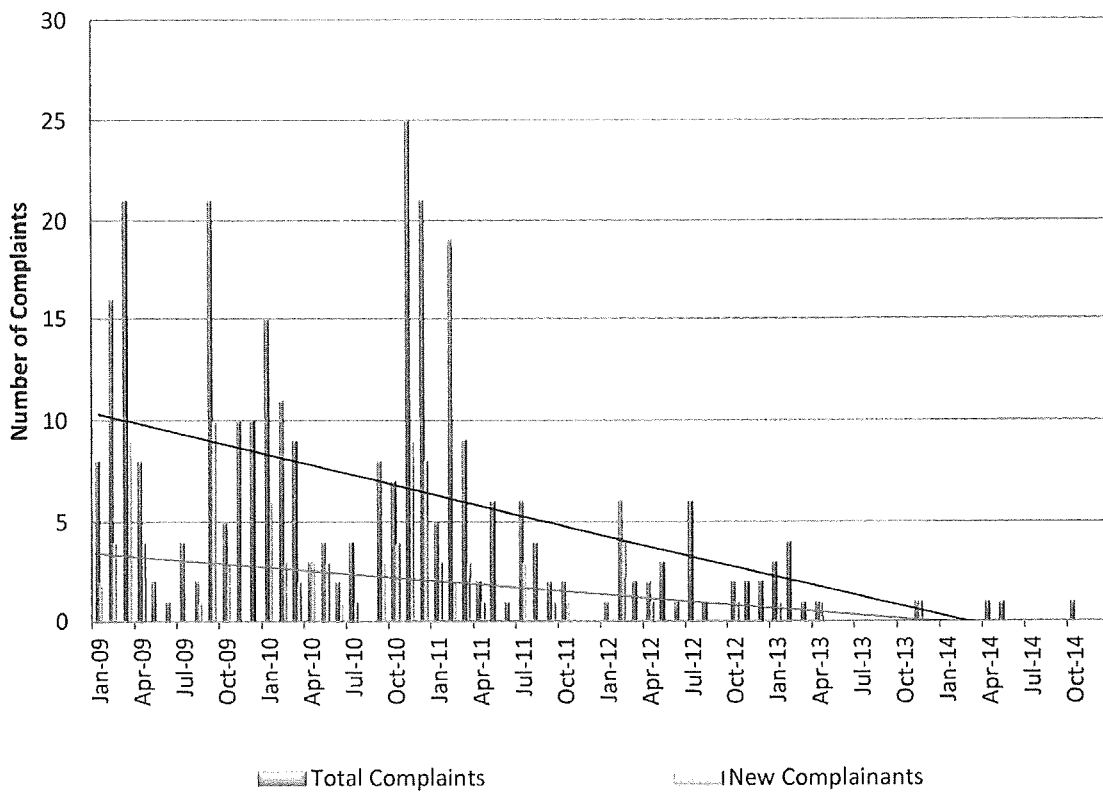
Aircraft Movements Data

		Calendar Year	
		2013	2014
Landing Full Stop	Aeroplane	7,179	5,789
	Helicopter	305	440
	Glider	1,046	853
	Microlight	92	71
	Total Full Stop Landings	8,622	7,153
Take-offs	Inferred from Landings <i>(approx. as no accurate data)</i>	8,622	7,153
Touch and Go Landings	Aeroplane	6,863	4,720
	Helicopter	4	18
	Microlight	5	10
	Total Touch and Gos	6,872	4,748
Approximate Total Movements		24,116	19,054

Total Number of Noise Complaints

The graph below shows the total number of noise complaints received from January 2009 to December 2014 grouped by month, divided into total complaints and the number of first time complainants¹ per month. The moving average shows various spikes in the number of complaints; however the trend for the total number of complaints is continuing to decrease.

**Total Complaints Trend
January 2009 to December 2014**



¹ The separation of total complaints versus first time complaints serves as an indicator of public awareness of aircraft noise. This is common practice at other airports.

Conclusion

This year has again seen few noise complaints. Those that have come have been handled well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the noise complaint committee for their contribution to the discussions. It is also appropriate to thank the Airport Manager Jason Russell for his work in resolving the complaints that we did receive, and his professionalism in the way he resolved them to the satisfaction of the complainants. Thanks must also go to the airport company's former CEO, Steven Bootten and current CEO, Robert Binney for their contribution to the running and expansion of the airport services. The staff at Kapiti Coast District Council has as always been of great help with the management of the noise monitoring processes. We look forward to another successful year of airport operations with minimum noise concerns from the community.



Gordon Strachan, QSO JP
Independent Chairman

18 August 2015