



PERTH AIRPORT MASTER PLAN 2020

Why Perth Airport is important



The vast distances between Australian population centres make air travel – and Perth Airport – indispensable to the people of Western Australia. Perth Airport is also vital to the state's economic, social and cultural development.

Perth Airport is Australia's Western Hub providing the people of Western Australia with a critical link to the rest of Australia and the world.

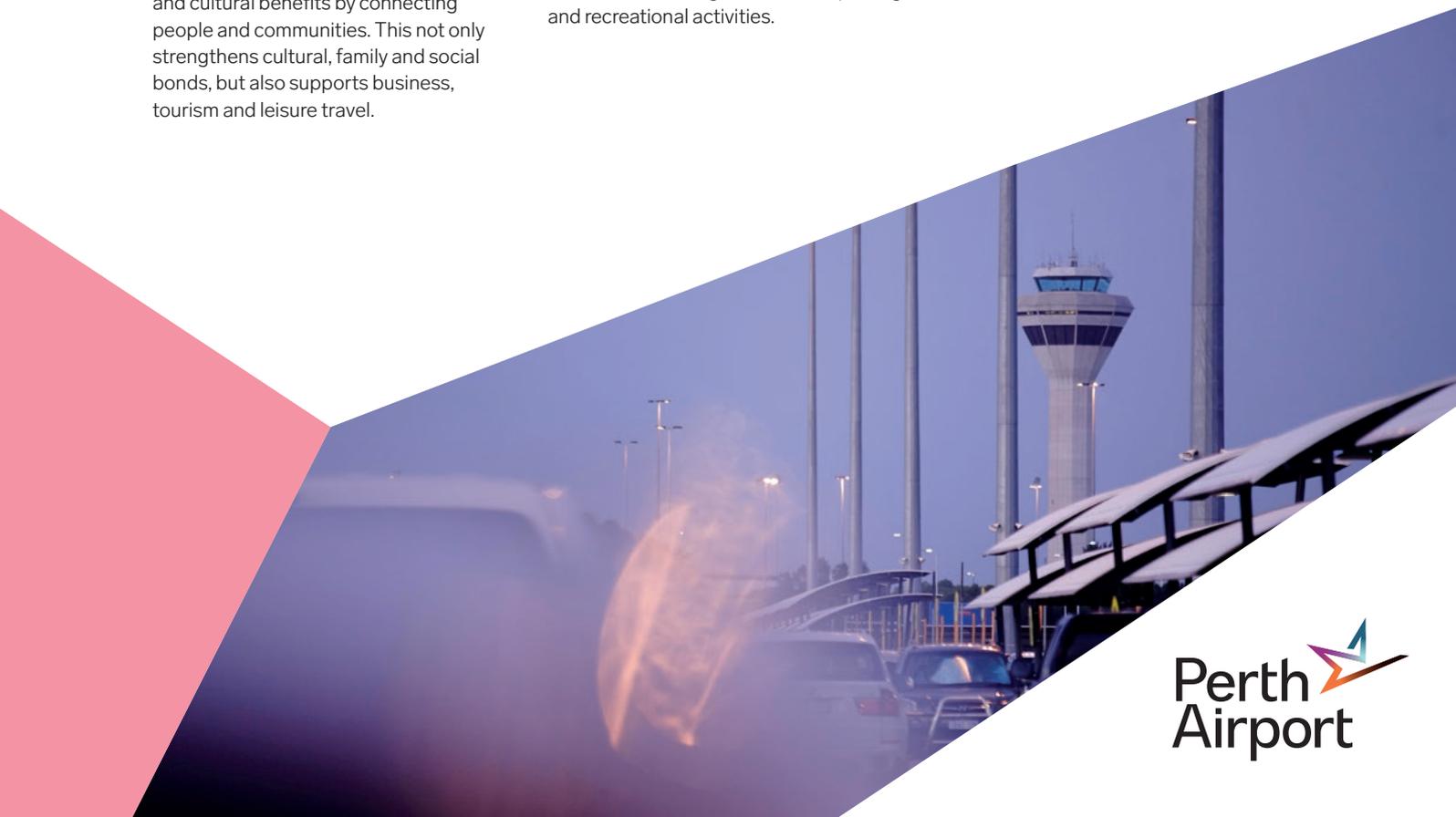
As the fourth-largest domestic and international airport in Australia, Perth Airport is currently serviced by more than 30 international, intrastate and interstate airlines that operate to more than 50 destinations. In 2018 there were 130,115 aircraft movements and 14.3 million passengers travelling through Perth Airport. By 2045 it's expected this will grow to 241,000 aircraft movements and 35 million passengers.

Perth Airport provides economic, social and cultural benefits by connecting people and communities. This not only strengthens cultural, family and social bonds, but also supports business, tourism and leisure travel.

Connecting people and places

Perth Airport plays a vital role connecting communities in regional Western Australia to the rest of Australia and the world.

One quarter of Western Australia's population lives in regional Western Australia. The vast area of Western Australia and the distances between the regions and Perth means that air travel is often the quickest method of travel. Perth Airport is vital for people living in these communities to gain access to medical care, education, legal and government services, and a range of cultural, sporting and recreational activities.



Significant employer

Perth Airport is a major centre of employment in the Perth metropolitan area, and currently employs (directly and indirectly) an estimated 9,900 aviation-related and 6,700 non-aviation related full-time employees, contributing \$3.5 billion to the Gross Regional Product of Western Australia.

By 2040 direct and indirect employment is expected to grow to more than 36,600 aviation and non-aviation related full-time employees, and contribute \$9 billion to the Gross Regional Product of Western Australia.

Supporting tourism

Air services are the lifeblood of Western Australia's tourism industry: 93 per cent of visitors that travel to the state arrive by air.

Aviation activities at Perth Airport generate significant benefits for Perth and Western Australia by facilitating tourism spending by domestic and international visitors who arrive in the region by air. In 2018, air services through Perth Airport enabled more than \$4.1 billion of tourism activity and this is forecast to increase to \$9 billion in 2040.

Investing in your future

Perth Airport is a private company that is majority owned by superannuation funds. This means that a large portion of profits from the business are returned to ordinary Australians through investment in their super fund.

In 1997, the operation and management of Perth Airport was transferred from the Commonwealth of Australia to Perth Airport Pty Ltd (previously Westralia Airports Corporation) under a 50 year lease, with a 49 year option for extension. Perth Airport Pty Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Perth Airport Development Group Pty Ltd (PADG). Superannuation funds, including AustralianSuper and Sunsuper, make up 70 per cent of PADG ownership and Australia's sovereign wealth fund owns 30 per cent.

As a private company, Perth Airport does not receive direct State or Commonwealth government funding.

Supporting the resource sector

Due to the remote location of many of Western Australia's oil, gas and mining sector developments, Perth Airport plays a significant role in facilitating the flow of labour that is integral to the success of the resources industry.

Fly-in fly-out workers commute by air to their place of work, allowing them to remain living in their home community and maintain their economic and social networks. Fly-in fly-out workers account for 55 per cent of the resource sector workforce in Western Australia, with the majority of these workers coming from the Perth region.

Supporting freight

Perth Airport's development supports freight transport services for companies, tourism, leisure and business travel, encouraging business growth and improving their customer service.

Perth Airport handles a large variety of agricultural products including fresh fruit and vegetables, seafood products, fresh meat products, and live animals. The use of air freight allows producers of agricultural products, particularly those that are time-sensitive and perishable, to service overseas and interstate markets.

New airline services

Perth Airport works closely with the State and Commonwealth Governments to attract new international airlines and additional services to Perth. The range of airlines supports lower airfares, increases the choice of destinations and the opportunity to see more of the world. Over the past 10 years, the number of available aircraft seats has doubled, and we have increased from 11 international airlines to 21 international airlines, travelling to 17 destinations.

Community support

Our relationship with the Western Australian community is an essential part of our company values. We are committed to building strong and enduring relationships, working with local communities to build active partnerships, and contributing to a wide range of community activities which support organisations, families and not-for-profit groups.

The Perth Airport Community Support Program positively impacts the lives of many Western Australians through major partnerships, the Community Active, Community Boost and Perth Airport Local Schools Programs as well as Terminal Collection Boxes and Surrendered Item auctions.

Why Perth Airport operates 24/7

Perth Airport operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing an essential link for business and leisure travel, and meeting the needs of:

- regional communities and the resource sector,
- interstate domestic travel,
- international access to multiple global hub airports, and
- overnight freight requirements.

Maintaining operational flexibility is critical to supporting Western Australia's economy. Perth Airport is part of a national and global aviation network and flight times and schedules are not directly controlled locally. The viability of many of Perth's international air services depend on linking with connecting networks through major hub airports, such as Hong Kong, Dubai and Singapore. Any restrictions on the operations of Perth Airport would result in significantly fewer air services being available to Western Australians, resulting in less visitors to the State and higher costs for airline tickets.