



# New Runway Project

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## Consultation

*This section provides an overview of the consultation activities for the New Runway Project (NRP) prior to approvals, during the public comment period and Perth Airport's commitment to further engagement.*

Detail is also provided on the following areas:

- What engagement has been undertaken?
- What engagement will be undertaken during the public comment period?
- Where to find further information or speak to Perth Airport about the project?
- How to make a submission?
- What engagement will be undertaken following approval?

## 7.1 Commitment to Engage

Perth Airport is committed to effective and transparent engagement and employs a range of ongoing consultation and education mechanisms to:

- inform stakeholders and the community about on-airport land-use planning, developments and potential impacts,
- seek input on alternative approaches and options,
- maintain transparency and stakeholder-focused relationships,
- meet legal and regulatory responsibilities, and
- provide stakeholders with the opportunity to influence the future of Perth Airport.

The ongoing consultation with stakeholders includes Perth Airport's facilitation of, and involvement in, various forums. These forums enable Perth Airport to engage with Commonwealth, State and Local government authorities, airlines and the community.

Perth Airport currently engages regularly through the following forums.

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### Perth Airports Municipalities Group

Perth Airport actively participates in the Perth Airport's Municipalities Group (PAMG) which includes the 12 local government authorities whose communities have an interest in Perth and Jandakot Airports. The Group meets regularly to discuss matters which are of interest to the community, such as aircraft noise, flight paths, and off-airport and on-airport development. The PAMG has proven to be an important means of engagement with local communities for more than 30 years. Further information on the PAMG can be found at [pamg.com.au](http://pamg.com.au).

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### Planning Coordination Forum

The Planning Coordination Forum (PCF) aims to foster high level strategic discussions between Perth Airport and Commonwealth, State and Local government representatives to promote better planning outcomes in relation to airports developments in the context of the broader urban setting. Currently the PCF is held quarterly.

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### Perth Airport Community Forum

The Perth Airport Community Forum (PACF), previously referred to as the Perth Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group, is an event held quarterly at various PAMG local government venues. The PACF provides the opportunity for members of the public to meet with representatives from Perth Airport and invited guests such as Airservices and the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman. The purpose of the PACF is to recognise and enhance:

- the long-term sustainability and growth of Perth Airport,
- Perth Airport's reputation as a responsible corporate citizen within the local and broader community,
- Perth Airport's role as a major economic contributor for Western Australia, and

- providing members of the public the opportunity to raise and discuss issue relating to the operation and development of the airport.

Notification of the PACF events, including date, time and location, is generally advertised in the West Australian or community newspapers, on Perth Airport's facebook page and the PAMG website, [pamg.com.au](http://pamg.com.au).

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### Perth Airport Aircraft Noise Technical Working Group

The Perth Airport Aircraft Noise Technical Working Group contributes to the successful management of aircraft noise impact at Perth Airport. The Group, chaired by Airservices, meets regularly and comprises representatives from Perth Airport, Airservices, and airlines.

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### Perth Airport Consultative Environmental and Sustainability Group

The Airport Consultative Environmental and Sustainability Group currently meets quarterly and is comprised of representatives from Commonwealth, State and Local governments as well as airport tenants, conservation groups, catchment groups and community members. The Group discusses topics related to the environmental management of the estate. It is also an opportunity for tenants to learn and work together to minimise the environmental impacts of their operations and to facilitate improved environmental outcomes.

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### Aboriginal Partnership Agreement Group

The Aboriginal Partnership Agreement Group (PAG) was established in 2009 to facilitate active engagement between Perth Airport, the traditional custodians and other Aboriginal elders. The PAG is a high-level steering group focussed on the cultural heritage management and ongoing development of the airport.

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Perth Airport undertakes ongoing review and assessment of each of the groups to ensure their effectiveness and suitability to meet the engagement needs and requirements as defined by the Commonwealth Airport Development Consultation Guidelines. As such the structure composition and terms of reference of the groups may be varied from time to time to ensure the best suitable model to achieve the required outcomes.

## 7.2 New Runway Project Consultation

One of the objectives of the Airports Act is to ensure there is an appropriate level of vigilance, transparency and scrutiny of airport planning so that the public-interest requirements are met as the airport's development progresses.

Successful development of Perth Airport therefore depends on productive interactions with a wide range of stakeholders who are impacted by, and who may impact, the development of the airport.

In 2012, the (then) Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Transport released the Airport Development Consultation Guidelines which provides advice for consultation to be undertaken as part of an airport's major development plan (MDP). These guidelines outline that an effective consultation program ensures that a "proposal has been fully explored, concerns identified and alternatives considered". However, it "does not necessarily mean that all interested parties will be satisfied with the outcome".

The consultation process for the NRP is undertaken in four key stages:

- **Planning for the new runway:** general airport planning consultation activities undertaken as part of the Government enquiry into the future of Perth Airport in the 1970's, which determined the need for a future parallel runway, and all Perth Airport master plans since 1985, including Master Plan 2014 which identified the need to bring forward the approval and construction of the new runway,
- **Preliminary new runway design:** Perth Airport's ongoing consultation since the approval of the Master Plan 2014 and subsequent preliminary runway infrastructure design and technical and environmental studies,
- **Approvals:** detailed engagement supporting the development and release of a MDP for public comment and subsequent development of the final proposal for consideration by the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and
- **Final design and construction:** following approval and prior to construction, the on-ground and airspace management plan will be finalised including further consultation.

## 7.3 Planning for the New Runway

Engagement on the new runway commenced in the 1970's. As outlined in Section 3, in 1973, the Joint State and Commonwealth Working Group commenced a formal study on the aviation requirements for the Perth Region. Membership of the Working Group included State and Commonwealth Government departments, Local Governments, with input from a range of observers including industry associations and airlines.

The final report was publicly released by the Commonwealth-State Advisory Committee in December 1979, and confirmed that Perth Airport would be developed as the primary airport for the Perth metropolitan region and that it would be based on a future parallel runway system.

The location of the parallel runway system was first released for community comment as part of the Master Plan 1985 planning process, undertaken by the Department of Aviation.

Following privatisation of Perth Airport in 1997, the planning for the parallel runway system was revisited in the Master Plan 1999, and subsequently for Master Plan 2004, Master Plan 2009, and Master Plan 2014. The development of each master plan required extensive consultation with Commonwealth, State and Local governments as part of its preparation, as well as a formal public comment period of 60 business days. The future requirement for the new runway was confirmed in each master plan.

## 7.4 Preliminary New Runway Design

The Master Plan 2014 identified that the runway was required in the short term to increase the capacity of Perth Airport. Consultation commenced in 2012 as part of feasibility studies, and the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) was developed in consultation with Airservices and airlines.

The State Government published its first State Aviation Strategy in February 2015 following extensive stakeholder and community consultation. This Strategy was prepared by the State Department of Transport in conjunction with key State government agencies covering economic development, planning, tourism, local government and regional development. The State Government determined that Perth Airport's new runway was required to provide the capacity for current peak-hour demand as well as future growth.

In 2015, the Perth Airport Board of Directors approved a \$45 million investment in pre-construction activities for the new runway that included environmental and heritage approvals, preliminary airspace design and public consultation. A joint venture between Aurecon and AECOM was appointed to undertake a preliminary design of the new runway and taxiways. This process included consultation with various Government agencies and local authorities, aviation regulatory bodies, airlines, airport tenants, and infrastructure service providers.

During the preliminary design process for the new runway ground infrastructure, it was determined that recent changes to runway lighting design standards could allow shorter high-intensity approach lighting to be installed, and therefore a longer runway accommodated within the Airfield Precinct as defined in the Master Plan 2014. A proposal to amend the new runway length from 2,700 metres to 3,000 metres via a Minor Variation to the Master Plan 2014 was released for public comment in January 2017 and approved by the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure and Transport in June 2017.

Perth Airport has also continued to engage with Airservices, airlines, Commonwealth Department of Defence, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and others on the preliminary airspace design.

Throughout the development of technical studies and design stages, Perth Airport has undertaken extensive engagement with a range of stakeholders. Perth Airport has also continued to engage, update and report key findings to the PCF, PAMG and community members through the PACF, Perth Airport website and NRP newsletters.

Perth Airport has met with traditional custodians of the land, including the Aboriginal Partnership Agreement Group members, Whadjuk Working Group and, South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, to discuss the impact of the NRP to the heritage values and the approval process under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

## 7.5 Approvals

Critical to the sustainable development and approval of the new runway projects is consultation with a wide range of stakeholders.

As outlined in Section 1, the development and operations of any development at Perth Airport must be consistent with a range of legislation and regulations. Section 1 also outlines the various approvals required prior to the construction of the new runway, including:

- Section 18 approval under the Aboriginal Heritage Act,
- MDP approval under the Airports Act and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)*,
- Part 13 permit under the EPBC Act.

### 7.5.1 Major Development Plan

As part of each approval process extensive engagement is undertaken.

The NRP MDP has been prepared to address the various legislative approvals required for a new runway at Perth Airport and provides a combined approvals document to ensure a whole of project is represented. The MDP is a detailed approvals document that has been structured and prepared to meet regulatory requirements of the Airports Act and the EPBC Act.

A MDP goes through various stages as outlined in Figure 7-1.

During each stage of the MDP, extensive consultation with Commonwealth, State and Local government departments, stakeholders and community is undertaken.

Engagement activities associated with the NRP are guided by a comprehensive Stakeholder Engagement Plan. The objectives of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan are to:

- develop a common understanding about the purpose and process for MDP approval,
- adopt industry best-practice engagement techniques to provide opportunities for all stakeholders to be sufficiently informed about topics of interest,
- provide a diverse range of opportunities for community members to learn about the NRP's benefits and impacts, and
- provide sufficient and suitable opportunities and information so stakeholders and community members can provide informed feedback on the NRP.

Consistent with the Airport Development Consultation Guidelines, Perth Airport has undertaken an extensive consultation process for the development of the Preliminary Draft MDP.

This includes the release, review and engagement with key agencies and stakeholders on an exposure draft version of the document. Perth Airport consulted and undertook the following activities during the preparation of this MDP:

- briefings throughout the development of the MDP to the following groups:
  - Perth Airport Planning Coordination Forum,
  - Perth Airports Municipalities Group,
  - Commonwealth Members of Parliament, and
  - State Members of Parliament,
- release of the exposure draft MDP and briefings to Commonwealth government agencies, including:
  - Airservices,
  - Civil Aviation Safety Authority,
  - Department of Defence,
  - Department of the Environment and Energy, and
  - Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities,
- release of the exposure draft MDP and briefings to State government agencies, including:
  - Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions,
  - Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage,
  - Department of Transport, and
  - Department of the Premier and Cabinet,
- release of the exposure draft MDP to the City of Belmont, City of Kalamunda, and City of Swan,
- briefings with planning and environment staff at the local governments of Belmont, Swan, Canning, Gosnells, South Perth and Kalamunda, and
- release of the exposure draft MDP to key airlines and their representative bodies.

Throughout this comprehensive consultative process, Perth Airport has given due regard to interim feedback and has, where possible, incorporated comments raised in the preparation of the Preliminary Draft MDP.

Perth Airport has also commenced briefings to local councilors and community associations.

## 7.5.2 Formal Public Comment

In accordance with section 92 of the Airports Act, the Preliminary Draft MDP is being made available for public comment for a period of 60 business days.

An advert was published in The West Australian newspaper, notifying the release of the Preliminary Draft MDP and inviting members of the public to provide written comments on the proposed development.

Section 80 of the Airports Act requires that, prior to the Preliminary Draft MDP being published for public comment, the document must be drawn to the attention of:

- the Minister of the State in which the airport is situated with responsibility for town planning or use of land,
- the authority of that State with responsibility for town planning or use of land, and
- each Local Government body with responsibility for an area surrounding the airport.

### 7.5.2.1 Obtaining a Copy

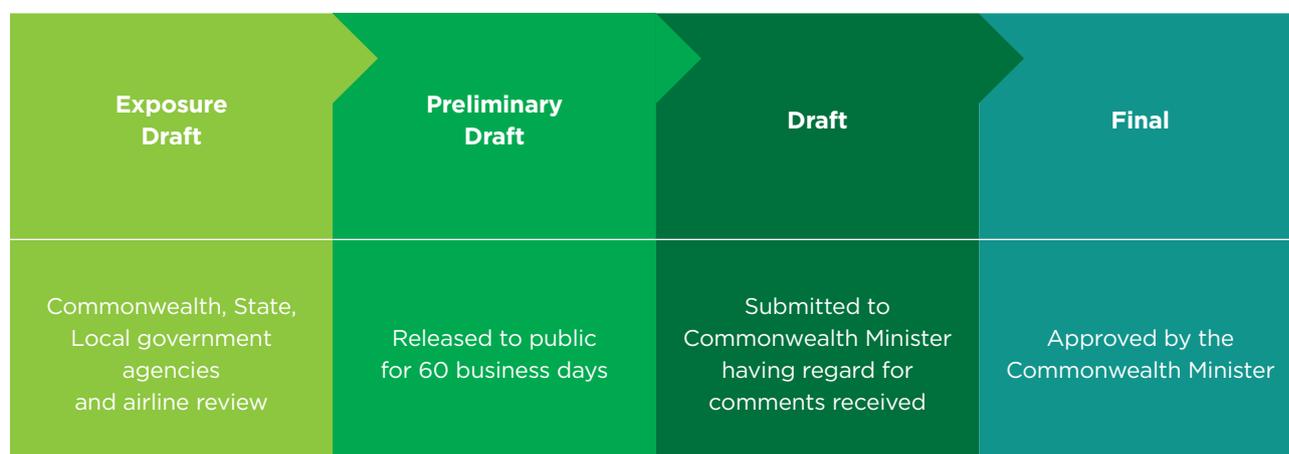
A copy of the Preliminary Draft MDP is available for download, free of charge, from [newrunway.com.au](http://newrunway.com.au) and [perthairport.com.au](http://perthairport.com.au)

Hard copies of the MDP are available for viewing at:

- the Perth Airport Experience Centre, located at Hkew Alpha Building, Ground Floor, 2 George Wiencke Drive, Perth Airport
- NRP information stands at various shopping centres,
- public information briefings, and
- selected public libraries.

Viewing times and locations are available at [newrunway.com.au](http://newrunway.com.au).

Hard copies are also available for purchase at the Perth Airport Experience Centre.



**Figure 7-1 Major Development Plan approval process**

Source: Perth Airport

### 7.5.2.2 Engagement Materials and Activities

To ensure that the community has an opportunity to comment on the proposed NRP development, public engagement includes a range of activities and the production of additional material including:

#### West Australian Advert

Announcements about the commencement of the public comment period was made in the West Australian newspaper.

#### Project Introduction Letter

The commencement of the public comment period was announced through a letterbox drop to businesses and residential properties in areas surrounding Perth Airport. The letter provides an overview of the NRP and the various activities and materials available for people to find out more about the project.

#### Social Media

Announcements about key milestones, such as the commencement of the public comment period, and information about community briefings and public events are regularly made through the Perth Airport Facebook and Twitter accounts.

#### New Runway Project website

The NRP website, [newrunway.com.au](http://newrunway.com.au), provides detailed information about the project, community events schedule, online copies of documentation including the MDP and supplementary information, and online public comment submission form.

#### Other Communication

Other communication platforms, such as local government websites, will be used where possible.

### 7.5.2.3 Supplementary Information

Perth Airport has prepared a range of supplementary information, including:

#### New Runway Project Summary Booklet

Perth Airport has published a New Runway Project Summary booklet that provides an overview of the project including the major impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

#### Fact Sheets

Short form fact sheets provide additional information and context on a range of issues related to the NRP.

#### Aircraft Noise Information Portal

Released in 2014, the interactive Aircraft Noise Information Portal enables community to obtain specific information on a property's location around Perth Airport in relation to:

- the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast contours,
- N65 Noise Above contours, and
- anticipated changes associated with the NRP.

The interactive noise portal has been updated to include further information about the future noise exposure and can be accessed at [perthairport.com.au/aircraftnoise](http://perthairport.com.au/aircraftnoise). The 'Management Aircraft Noise at Perth Airport' and

'Reducing Aircraft Noise in Existing Homes' booklets, which provide information on noise impacts relating to Perth Airport operations and associated flight paths, are also available for viewing and download from the noise portal site.

#### E-Newsletters

Since 2014, the Perth Airport website has allowed interested persons to sign up to receive email notifications on the NRP. The first newsletter was distributed in October 2015 to announce the award of the contract of the new runway design. Newsletters will be sent out throughout the life of the project, including public comment period.

### 7.5.2.4 Get Involved

#### Airport Experience Centre

The Perth Airport Experience Centre located at Hkew Alpha Building, Ground Floor, 2 George Wiencke Drive, Perth Airport, is open to the public during the public comment period. Visitors have the opportunity to view simulations and speak to Perth Airport staff. Online public comment submissions can also be made at the Perth Airport Experience Centre.

The Perth Airport Experience Centre opening times is available at [newrunway.com.au](http://newrunway.com.au).

#### Public Information Expos

Public information expos are being held in a wide range of local government areas, including

- City of Belmont,
- City of Canning,
- City of Gosnells,
- City of Kalamunda,
- Shire of Mundaring,
- City of South Perth, and
- City of Swan.

Notices regarding the times and locations of the public information expos will be published at [newrunway.com.au](http://newrunway.com.au), in The West Australian and/or relevant community newspapers, and through Perth Airport social media.

The first will be held at City of South Perth on 31 May 2018.

#### Public Displays

Information displays will be presented in various shopping centres and community facilities throughout the public comment period. The schedule of times and locations of the public displays is published at [newrunway.com.au](http://newrunway.com.au) and in relevant community newspapers.

#### Community Event Pop-Up Stands

An NRP stand will be established at key community events throughout the public comment period. NRP staff will be available to answer queries and distribute fact sheets and other relevant information.

### 7.5.2.5 Contact Details

#### NRP Email

A project specific email address has been created to facilitate community enquiries. The NRP email address, [newrunway@perthairport.com.au](mailto:newrunway@perthairport.com.au), is provided on all engagement and printed materials as the key contact point for enquiries.

#### Project Information Line

A dedicated NRP telephone line has been established to enable enquiries and feedback for the community during the public comment period. The information-line phone number, 1800 NEW RWY (1800 639 799), is provided on all engagement and printed materials as the key contact point for enquiries about the project.

The phone line will be staffed during business hours.

### 7.5.2.6 Making a Submission

Under the Airports Act, Perth Airport must consider comments received during the public comment period.

Submissions must be made in writing and received by Perth Airport prior to **5.00 pm (WST) Friday 24 August 2018**.

Perth Airport will also accept submissions via:

New Runway Project  
Perth Airport Pty Ltd  
PO Box 6  
Cloverdale WA 6985

Email: [newrunways@perthairport.com.au](mailto:newrunways@perthairport.com.au)

Submissions can also be made online by following the links at [newrunway.com.au](http://newrunway.com.au).

To assist Perth Airport to consider submissions:

- clearly state the matter(s) of interest,
- reference the relevant volume and section(s) of the MDP,
- use dot points or paragraph headings to assist with clarity,
- provide the source of any factual information that has been referred to,
- describe the measure(s) that would be appropriate to improve the proposal, and
- ensure the submission is legible.

### 7.5.3 Submission of Draft MDP to the Minister

Following the formal public comment period, Perth Airport will prepare and submit a Draft MDP to the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure and Transport for consideration.

As required by section 92(2) of the Airports Act, the submission of the Draft MDP to the Minister will be accompanied by the following materials:

- copies of all comments received during the public comment period, and
- a written certificate signed on behalf of Perth Airport, containing:
  - a list of names of the people or organisations that provided written comments to the Preliminary Draft MDP,
  - a summary of the comments received, and
  - evidence that Perth Airport has given due regard to those comments.

The Minister is required to approve or reject the MDP within 50 business days, however the Airports Act also outlines provisions for the Minister to seek further information.

### 7.5.4 Publication of Final MDP

Following approval of the MDP by the Minister, Perth Airport will, in accordance with section 96 of the Airports Act:

- publish a newspaper notice advising that the MDP has been approved,
- make copies of the final MDP available for inspection and purchase at Perth Airport, and
- make a copy of the approved MDP available on the Perth Airport website.

### 7.6 Final Design and Construction

Perth Airport recognises that there will be strong interest in the NRP beyond the approval of the MDP. Community members and key stakeholders will be kept informed of the progress of the NRP activities leading up to and during the construction process, with regular communications maintained through the Perth Airport website, e-newsletter distribution, and the ongoing consultation forums.



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