

Why Perth Airport is Important

Perth Airport serves as a critical driving force for Western Australia's economic, social, and cultural development. It connects communities, facilitates trade, and underpins a vibrant regional tourism sector.

Central to providing these benefits are the activities of Perth Airport, airlines and the State Government in expanding both the range of destinations that can be accessed directly from Perth and the number of flights. More than 30 airlines operate services from Perth Airport, reaching over 110 intrastate, interstate and international destinations.

Driving Economic Growth

The Perth Airport estate is a major centre of employment. The activities and businesses on the airport estate supported nearly 27,300 full-time jobs within the Perth metropolitan region in FY24 and, with the planned development outlined in Master Plan 2026, this is forecast to increase to 75,400 jobs by FY46.

The total economic contribution of Perth Airport operations to Gross State Product in FY24 was $6.6 billion, of which $6.2 billion was contributed to the Gross Regional Product of the Perth metropolitan area. By FY46 this is forecast to reach a $17 billion contribution to Gross Regional Product. Around two thirds of this contribution is from non-aviation tenants, highlighting their importance to the State's economy.

Perth Airport is essential to the tourism sector, serving as the main gateway into Western Australia for both domestic and international air travellers.

The contribution to Gross State Product from tourism activity enabled by Perth Airport is expected to reach $11.8 billion in FY46, of which $8.7 billion is expected to be realised in the Perth metropolitan area.

In FY24, domestic and international travellers spent:

$2.8B

with Western Australian businesses by domestic and international air travellers through Perth Airport.

29,730

jobs supported as a result of spending by travellers.

$4.9B

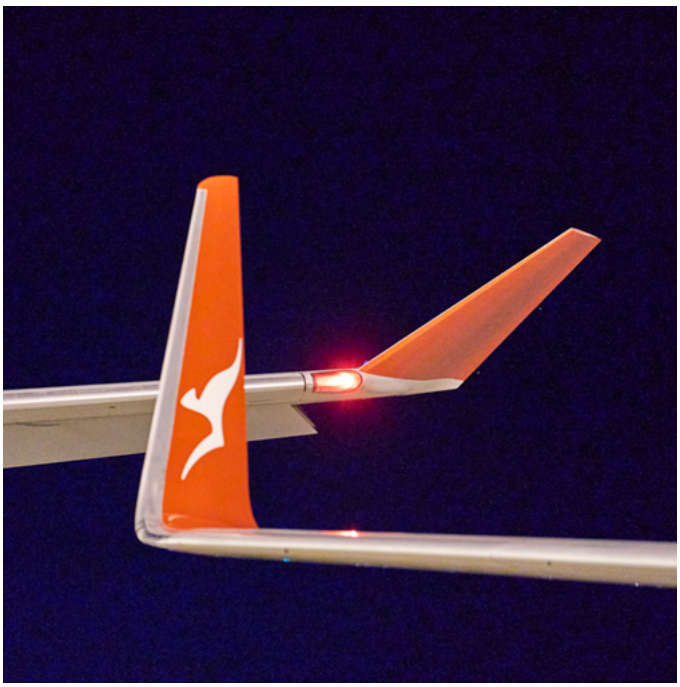
contribution created to the Gross State Product.

Why Perth Airport operates 24/7

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

- regional communities and the resource sector
- online shopping and overnight road and air freight
- interstate domestic travel
- international access to multiple global hub airports, and
- search and rescue and emergency services operations.

Perth Airport's 24/7 operation ensures uninterrupted connectivity, facilitating seamless travel within Western Australia and Australia and providing vital links to major global hubs. Maintaining operational flexibility is paramount to supporting Western Australia's dynamic economy. Strong connections to key international hubs are crucial for sustaining competitive international air services. Any restrictions on Perth Airport's operations and operating hours would lead to a significant loss of air services, increasing travel costs and impacting on tourism and industries dependent on timely travel and air freight.



Working with the Community

Perth Airport believes that its relationship with the Western Australian community is an essential part of company values. Perth Airport is 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 within six key areas:

Youth	Activities aimed at education, skills attainment, self-development and high achievement.
Community	Activities such as arts and cultural events that benefit a significant number of members in the communities in which Perth Airport operates.
Environment	Projects that engage local community groups or schools and seek to maintain, enhance and protect local environments in which Perth Airport operates, including community-based conservation and rehabilitation programs.
Indigenous	Projects that preserve and celebrate the culture of indigenous groups with a focus on the Noongar people connected to airport land.
Tourism	Activities that build and promote tourism to the communities in which Perth Airport operates.
Sport	Projects or events run by groups within the communities that surround Perth Airport.

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