

Key principles

The design of flight paths for Western Sydney International will be guided by airspace design principles, including:

- Safety is non-negotiable.
- Flights over residential areas and noise-sensitive facilities will be avoided as much as possible.
- Where flight paths are unable to avoid residential areas:
 - Where possible, these areas should not be overflown by both arriving and departing aircraft.
 - Noise abatement procedures should be optimised to ensure that residents are impacted as little as possible.
- Procedures will be developed to minimise the impact of night-time aircraft operations on the community while not constraining airport operations.
- Aircraft arrivals will not converge through a single merge point over any single residential area.
- Airspace design will consider the impacts of air operations on natural and visually sensitive areas.
- The community, aerodrome operators and airspace users will be consulted in determining the final flight paths.