



WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT community update



Warren Truss,
Deputy Prime Minister,
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and Regional Development

A message from the Minister

The Australian Government is getting on with the Western Sydney Airport project after decades of indecision. A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and draft Airport Plan are now available for public comment.

The draft Airport Plan provides a strategic vision for the development of the Western Sydney Airport outlining the initial Stage 1 development and how the airport will grow over the coming decades. Based on the draft Airport Plan, the draft EIS provides a comprehensive assessment of the environmental and social changes the airport may bring and will ensure the community is fully informed of how the airport will fit into the region.

This is an important opportunity for you and your community to be informed and have your say on the airport project. All comments received will be taken into account when a final EIS and Airport Plan are prepared for approval next year.

The Government looks forward to receiving your feedback on the draft EIS and draft Airport Plan, and I encourage you to read this newsletter to find out more about:

- Dates and details for consultation sessions
- Topics covered in the draft EIS and draft Airport Plan
- Next steps in the environmental assessment process.

First class infrastructure for Western Sydney

Work has begun on upgrading major road and transport links in Western Sydney. The Australian and NSW governments in partnership have already committed more than \$3.6 billion to a 10-year road investment plan for Western Sydney.

This work will ensure Western Sydney Airport and Western Sydney's growing population will be served by efficient transport networks.

On commencement of operations in the mid-2020s, Western Sydney Airport would be supported by land transport services through road upgrades, park and ride facilities and bus services providing direct links to major centres in Western Sydney.

The Australian Government is also future proofing for rail by incorporating a rail corridor and station boxes in the airport planning from the initial stage.

At the same time, the NSW Government is consulting the community on the possible rail corridor from Leppington to Narellan in the South and via the airport site to the Western Rail Line.

A rail corridor will complement the road network upgrades by taking account of the growing population in Sydney's south west, as well as the needs of the extended Western Sydney Employment Area.

Transport is considered in the draft EIS and draft Airport Plan. Read this newsletter to find out more.

What is in the draft Environmental Impact Statement and draft Airport Plan?

The draft EIS assesses the environmental, social and economic aspects of developing and operating Stage 1 of an airport at Badgerys Creek as detailed in the draft Airport Plan.

It is based on the draft Airport Plan, which sets out the details of the Stage 1 airport development.

The draft EIS and draft Airport Plan also consider how the airport would develop in the long term, as it grows with Western Sydney and its economy.

Content

The draft EIS is a comprehensive assessment of both the construction and operation of the first stage of the airport development covering noise, air and water quality, transport, heritage, health, and social and economic impacts.

The draft Airport Plan identifies how a modern and efficient airport would be developed. It includes details about the Stage 1 development for the proposed airport design and an outline of the indicative long term development of the airport.

The draft Airport Plan contains information like how changing technology and industry practices have influenced the development of the proposed airport. The draft Airport Plan is primarily concerned with the Stage 1 Development which is intended to establish the Airport with a single runway located in the north of the Airport Site, a terminal and other relevant facilities to accommodate up to 10 million domestic and international passengers per year.

More information about the contents of the draft EIS and draft Airport Plan is available online at www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au.

Why is a new EIS necessary?

The draft EIS will address matters which have emerged since the previous environmental assessments were carried out for the Badgerys Creek site in 1985 and 1997–1999. It is a new standalone document that includes:

- consideration of new environmental legislation, guidelines, and updated assessment methods and practices
- the changing context of the airport site, with Western Sydney a focus for economic and urban growth
- revised operational expectations for a Western Sydney Airport and the broader aviation industry

Format and structure

The entire contents of both documents will be publicly available online and at consultation sessions and displays across Western Sydney from 19 October – 18 December 2015.

The following documents, along with comprehensive summaries, are available for public comment:

- Draft EIS
 - » Volume 1: Project background
 - » Volume 2: Environmental Impact Assessment – Stage 1 development
 - » Volume 3: Indicative longer term development
 - » Volume 4: Appendix with technical reports
- Draft Airport Plan
 - » Part 1: Airport plan
 - » Part 2: Concept design
 - » Part 3: Specific developments

The public exhibition period closes on Friday 18 December 2015.

Exhibition of the draft Environmental Impact Statement and draft Airport Plan

The Australian Government Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP has determined that the draft EIS will be on public exhibition for a period of 60 days from 19 October to 18 December 2015. Coinciding with this decision, the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Hon Warren Truss MP has released the draft Airport Plan for public exhibition for the same period of time.

The public exhibition of these documents is an opportunity for the community to be informed and share their views. To view the draft EIS and draft Airport Plan and to make a submission, go to www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au, attend one of the consultation sessions being held across Western Sydney or visit a display at a local library.

The community's comments will be collated, reviewed and taken into account when finalising the EIS. The final EIS will describe how issues raised during the consultation period have been addressed.



Displays at local libraries

Displays will feature copies of the draft EIS and draft Airport Plan for the public to read, as well as summary documents and factsheets. More information is available at www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au.

Community consultation sessions

Twelve community consultation sessions will be held from 19 October – 18 December 2015. Attending a consultation session will give you a chance to:

- Gather information from handouts and factsheets
- Read copies of the draft EIS and draft Airport Plan
- Ask experts about specific topics
- Examine large scale maps and figures
- Write submissions on electronic devices or lodge a hard copy of your submission

Dates and locations for community consultation sessions

Local Government Area	Venue details	Date and time
Liverpool	Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham	Wednesday 28 October, 4pm–7pm
Penrith	St Marys Memorial Hall	Thursday 29 October, 4pm–7pm
Blue Mountains	Blaxland Community Hall	Saturday 31 October, 12pm–3pm
Fairfield	Prairiewood Community Centre	Wednesday 4 November, 4pm–7pm
Campbelltown	Campbelltown Civic Hall	Thursday 5 November, 4pm–7pm
Liverpool	Bringelly Community Centre	Saturday 7 November, 12pm–3pm
Parramatta	Parramatta Town Hall	Wednesday 11 November, 4pm–7pm
Wollondilly	Warragamba Hall	Saturday 14 November, 12pm–3pm
Holroyd	Wentworthville Community Centre	Wednesday 18 November, 4pm–7pm
Penrith	Melrose Hall, Emu Plains	Saturday 21 November, 12pm–3pm
Blacktown	Minchinbury Neighbourhood Centre	Wednesday 25 November, 4pm–7pm
Camden	Narellan Child Family and Community Centre	Thursday 26 November, 4pm–7pm



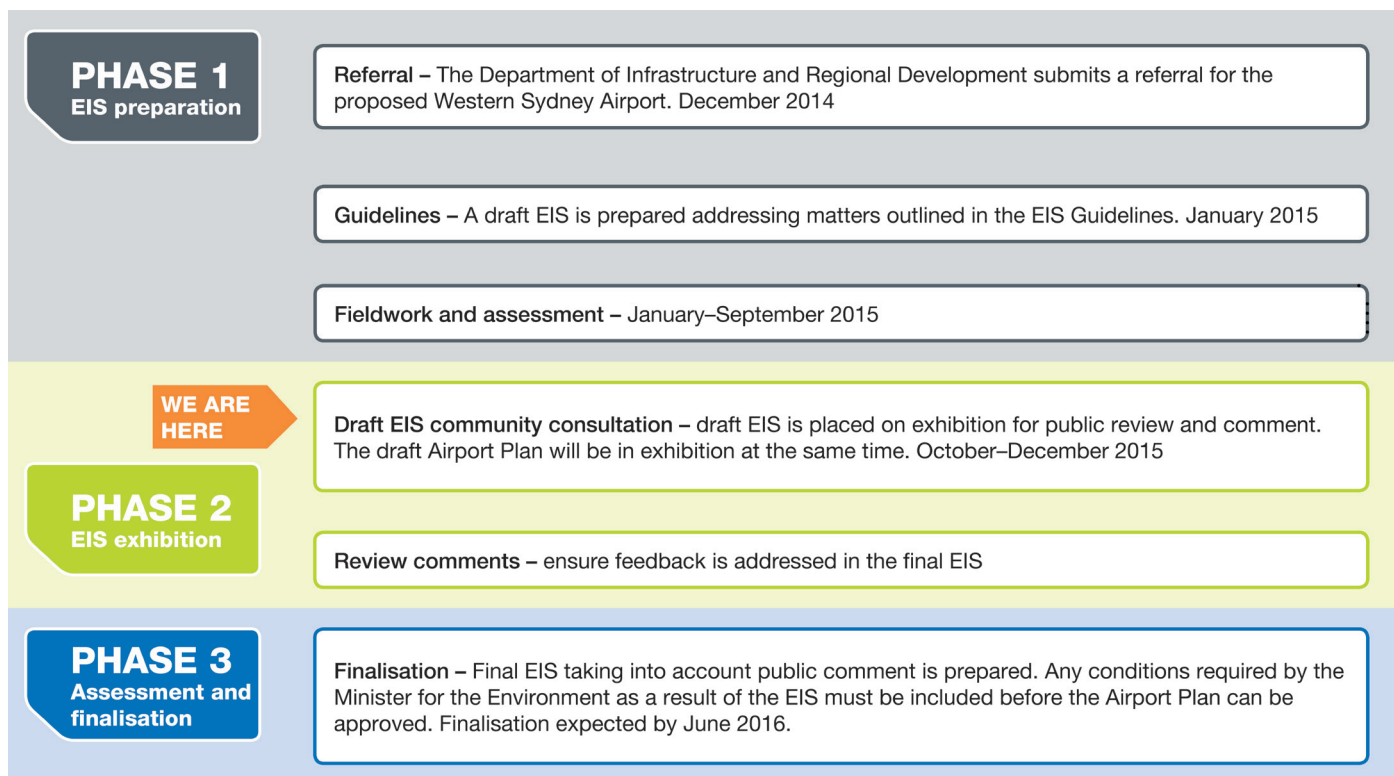
Next steps in the environmental assessment process

The proposed Western Sydney Airport is a significant infrastructure project, and the Australian Government is undertaking a rigorous environmental assessment.

Three main phases are involved in the environmental assessment, from the preparation and exhibition of the draft Environmental Impact Statement and draft Airport Plan, to the assessment and finalisation of these documents.

These three phases include specialist environmental, social and economic studies, as well as opportunities for the community to review and comment on the material. This will ensure the Western Sydney Airport project is in the best interests of Western Sydney.

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