



WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT community update



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A message from the Minister

Progress on the Western Sydney airport project is continuing steadily.

Work on the environmental assessment is ongoing, including site surveys investigating biodiversity, heritage, water quality and background noise. A draft environmental impact statement and airport plan are being prepared in the lead up to our consultation with the community later this year. The airport plan will outline indicative flight paths, aircraft approach and departure paths, and how the land on the airport site will be used.

Consultations between the Australian Government and the owners of Sydney Airport, who have the right of first refusal to develop and operate a second major airport in Sydney, finished on 30 June 2015. We are now working through the issues and reviewing the options raised during the consultations. To find out more about what will be involved in the next phase, I encourage you to read the article on the second page of this newsletter.

Open for business: how an airport can support Western Sydney

Western Sydney's economic and population growth over the coming decades represents a profound regional transformation. An airport can play a pivotal role in this transformation by connecting local businesses with the world, supporting economic activity, and generating thousands of jobs for Western Sydney workers.

Airports are unique among major infrastructure projects because they employ more people once built than during the construction phase. While the initial construction phase is expected to generate around 4,000 jobs, the proposed airport is expected to generate thousands more jobs over time across a range of skill levels—as outlined in the Australian Government's recently released State of Australian Cities 2014-2015 report.

An airport in Western Sydney will be a catalyst for jobs and investment within the planned Western Sydney innovation hub, which includes the airport site, neighbouring employment lands, research institutions and business parks.

Western Sydney workers will benefit from job opportunities closer to home and in a number of different industries, such as administration, technical services, logistics, retail trade, hospitality, science and research, to name just a few.

With the proposed airport to be located where Western Sydney's businesses need it, thousands more employment opportunities could be created as businesses expand and take advantage of close access to the airport and improved transport links.

The Western Sydney Employment Area is adjacent to the airport site. An airport will help connect Western Sydney businesses with domestic and international markets. For example, exporters of perishable items like flowers or fresh food could reach markets in Asia via passenger planes transporting tourists and holidaymakers.

An airport for Western Sydney would create an international gateway for the region, improving links with emerging economies and delivering the trade, skilled jobs and services to fuel economic growth and serve a region the size of Western Sydney.

Next steps in identifying a developer and operator for the airport

An important step in delivering an airport for Western Sydney involves discussion between the Australian Government and the owners of Sydney Airport, who hold the right of first refusal to develop and operate a second major airport in Sydney.

The owners of Sydney Airport have the right of first refusal as a condition of the sale of Sydney Airport in 2002.

The right of first refusal has two phases—consultation and contractual. The first phase commenced in October 2014 and concluded on 30 June 2015.

Throughout the consultation process the Australian Government has remained open to an exchange of ideas. This means that the views of Government and private sector can come together to achieve the best outcome.

Following the conclusion of this first phase, the Government is methodically working through the issues and reviewing the range of options raised during the consultations.

The next phase will be to develop a proposal that sets out the Government's terms including technical specifications, contractual terms and timetable.

That work will take some months, but it is possible the Government would have a formal proposal to present to Sydney Airport as soon as the end of this year.

If Sydney Airport refuses this proposal, then the Government may either build the airport itself or take the proposal to the open market and offer the opportunity to build and operate the proposed airport to other parties.



Did you know?

The aviation industry transports freight and passengers at the same time. Approximately 75 per cent of all air freight is carried in the belly of regular passenger planes.

Dedicated freight aircraft account for only 2% of all aircraft travel in the Sydney basin. These aircraft are the same types used for passenger jets, but without the passenger seats.

To find out more about potential aircraft operations at a Western Sydney airport, visit: www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au

First phase of specialist environmental work on site

Since February, specialists in a number of fields have carried out work at the airport site to collect information for the environmental assessment. This involves many aspects of the environment, including the plants and animals on the site, the creeks and bodies of water on and near the site, as well as places of potential Indigenous heritage and European heritage.

The data from the site surveys will be analysed for the draft environmental impact statement, which is expected to be available for community consultation later in 2015.

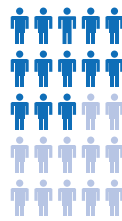
Members of the community will have ample opportunity to learn more about the environmental assessment and the airport development and have their say on the issues that are important to them. Information sessions open to the public will be held throughout Western Sydney later this year.



A staged approach to developing an airport

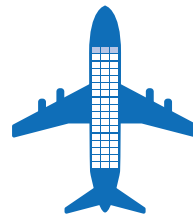
A Western Sydney airport is expected to grow with demand for air travel. On opening in the mid-2020s, it would operate from one runway approximately 5 million passengers – similar to the size of Gold Coast Airport.

MID 2020s



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

4,500



PASSENGERS

5M



RUNWAYS

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Designing an airport for Western Sydney

Australia's existing international gateway airports are frequently retrofitted to incorporate new technologies and to meet our changing expectations of airport facilities.

The terminal at a Western Sydney airport could be designed to take account of how we will travel in the future. Design innovations promise to improve the speed, efficiency and ease of use of terminals for passengers and airlines alike, delivering the seamless airport experience passengers demand.

Terminal operations around the world are improving passenger experience. Clever design is helping passengers to move seamlessly through airports, minimising queuing and delays.

In the future, domestic and international services are likely to be combined in more efficient, centralised terminals. This may involve the use of swing gates,

which can service domestic or international aircraft. This offers airports and airlines greater flexibility, reducing costs and lowering airfares.

Another design innovation for major airports is the Multi Aircraft Ramp System (MARS) gate (pictured below). A MARS gate is a multi-headed aerobridge that can service very large aircraft through multiple entry and exit doors. A one size fits all solution, each head of the aerobridge can also be deployed separately to accommodate smaller aircraft.

The development of an airport for Western Sydney is among the most impressive and exciting civil engineering projects of the next decade and beyond.

A new 'greenfield' airport offers the opportunity to take advantage of the latest terminal design innovations in order to greatly improve the passenger experience.





Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan

As you travel down Bringelly Road, you can see the progress of major work to build world class infrastructure for Western Sydney and the proposed airport.

The Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan is a 10 year, \$3.6 billion road investment programme for Western Sydney, funded by the Australian Government and New South Wales Government.

Round two of the \$200 million Local Roads Package is now open. Western Sydney councils have been invited to submit road improvement proposals and successful projects will be announced later this year.

A recent report card outlining progress of the road programme shows work on 14 intersections, almost 8 kilometres of road and 10 kilometres of shared paths has already begun.

The report card can be found by searching the web for "RMS Western Sydney report card".

Community information sessions

Planning for Western Sydney's infrastructure is underway. Information sessions on both the Australian and New South Wales governments' infrastructure projects for the region are being held from 22 July to 8 August at venues throughout Western Sydney.

- New South Wales Roads and Maritime Services will be consulting on four major projects:
 - » Stage 3 and Stage 4 of The Northern Road upgrades, including route options for realignment around the proposed airport site
 - » The new east-west M12 motorway between the M7 Motorway and The Northern Road, Luddenham
 - » The intersection of Bringelly Road and The Northern Road

- The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development will be providing information about the Western Sydney airport project, including:
 - » Staged development of the proposed airport
 - » Environmental Impact Statement study process and details of what is being assessed
 - » Process for consultation of draft Environmental Impact Statement and Airport Plan, available later in 2015

Dates for information sessions are as follows:

Wednesday 22 July, 4 – 8pm:

Penrith Anglican College

Saturday 25 July, 12 – 3pm:

Bringelly Community Centre

Wednesday 29 July, 3 – 7pm:

Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

Saturday 1 August, 11am – 2pm:

Glenmore Park Youth and Community Centre

Thursday 6 August, 3 – 7pm:

Kemps Creek Public School

Saturday 8 August, 12 – 3pm:

Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

For updates and further information, please visit the websites of Roads and Maritime Services and the Western Sydney airport project:

www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-west/infrastructure-plan/index.html

www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au

Have your say

We would like to hear your views about the proposed airport for Western Sydney and will keep you informed about this process. There will be opportunities throughout 2015 to have your say. The community will have the opportunity to view the Western Sydney airport plans in detail and make a submission.

Find out more



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