



WESTERN SYDNEY Fact Sheet



Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport: Overview

The need for an airport in Western Sydney

The demand for flights in the Sydney region is forecast to double over the next 20 years. Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport cannot accommodate this demand alone.

Building the airport

The Australian Government has committed up to \$5.3 billion in equity over 10 years to develop Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport through a Commonwealth company, Western Sydney Airport. Construction is underway and the airport is on track to open in 2026.

From day one, Western Sydney International will be a full-service airport capable of catering for domestic and international passengers as well as freight services. The airport will open with a single runway and facilities to handle 10 million passengers.

Western Sydney International will be developed in stages as demand grows. The airport is initially expected to handle around five million passengers a year, reaching 10 million passengers by around 2031. A second runway will be added when needed.



By around 2063, the airport is expected to accommodate approximately 82 million passengers annually.

Responsibility for the airport project

Western Sydney Airport is the company that will build and operate the airport. The Government will act as the airport regulator and ensure the project meets all necessary design and environmental requirements. The Government will remain responsible for flight path design, road and rail connections and biodiversity offsets.

| Western Sydney Airport | Australian Government |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Design of the airport | Flight path design and FOWSA |
| On-site construction | Road and rail connections |
| Airport business | Regulatory approvals |
| Employment targets | Biodiversity |

Operations

Long-standing planning restrictions have largely protected the surrounding area from encroaching residential development. The distance from the end of the runway to a built-up suburban area will be over 10 kilometres. By restricting the types of buildings that can be constructed near the airport, the number of people highly affected will be kept as low as possible. This will allow Western Sydney International to operate without a curfew.

Accessing the airport

The Australian and NSW governments are constructing new and upgraded roads around the airport under the \$4.1 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan (WSIP). This includes the M12 Motorway, which will connect the airport to Sydney's motorway network at the M7 in the east and the upgraded The Northern Road in the west. Other projects under the WSIP are well underway and will help ease congestion around the airport and throughout Western Sydney.



A key project in the Western Sydney City Deal, the North-South Rail Link is now known as Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport. The Australian and NSW governments have committed to deliver Stage 1 of Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport to connect travellers to the airport by its opening in 2026. This fully automated metro service will become the transport spine for the region, from St Marys to the Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

The Australian Government has announced it will contribute up to \$5.25 billion to this city shaping project, inclusive of business case planning and the Elizabeth Drive Overpass, an essential piece of road infrastructure to enable metro rail access to the airport site. More information can be found on the Sydney Metro website at <https://www.sydneymetro.info/westernsydneyairportline>.

Western Sydney City Deal

The Western Sydney City Deal is a 20-year partnership agreement between the Australian, NSW and eight local governments to create the 'Western Parkland City'. This involves delivering rail, jobs, educational opportunities and community infrastructure to support Western Sydney's growth.

Key commitments

- The Australian and NSW Governments will jointly fund and deliver Stage 1 of the Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport (North-South Rail Link), from St Marys to the Western Sydney Aerotropolis via Western Sydney International (the Australian Government has announced \$5.25 billion towards the delivery of the rail line).
- A \$190 million Western Parkland City Liveability Program to deliver community facilities.
- A \$30 million Western Sydney Housing Package.

