

AVIATION STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE SYDNEY REGION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONTEXT

The NSW Government has initiated a comprehensive review of its metropolitan land use strategy and its infrastructure plans for the Sydney region. This will provide long term strategic planning for the provision of economic and social infrastructure for the region.

Aviation infrastructure is critical to economic development and employment in the Sydney region.

The Commonwealth and NSW Governments have agreed to undertake a joint study to develop an Aviation Strategic Plan (the Strategic Plan) for the Sydney region. This will form a key part of the NSW planning and investment strategy for the Sydney region.

The Strategic Plan will determine the long term aviation infrastructure requirements for the region. The strategic plan will form an integral part of the NSW Government's land use and transport planning strategies for the Sydney region.

Both governments have also agreed to jointly consider the future planning, zoning and release of land at the Commonwealth's Badgerys Creek site to facilitate further economic development in South Western Sydney. Consideration will be given to how the site is best integrated with future employment locations, infrastructure needs, and the overall NSW planning strategies for the region.

Both governments will continue to work with key stakeholders, to develop better integrated transport solutions for Kingsford Smith Airport, including improved public transport links and roadways. This work will be incorporated with strategic investment and transport planning being done by NSW for land transport corridors and operations in the Sydney region.

OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

Additional Aviation Capacity for the Sydney Region

The Strategic Plan will:

1. Consider the immediate (10 year) aviation infrastructure requirements for the Sydney region and the capacity of the existing aviation infrastructure and the land transport network linkages to meet forecast demand.
2. Determine the long-term (25+ years) aviation infrastructure requirements for the Sydney region and the capability of the existing aviation assets serving the region to meet the forecast market demand in passenger and freight transport and general aviation sectors of the industry. This would include consideration of:
 - current airport capacity;
 - the implications of future long term (25 to 50+ year) demand forecasts for

- aviation services;
 - the planning of future economic infrastructure, including long term spatial with land use planning for employment for the region;
 - the location and nature of future urban growth in the Sydney region; and
 - key linkages between existing aviation infrastructure and other transport networks.
3. Review existing investment strategies for the civil and Defence airport facilities in the region, including an assessment of their capacity to meet the Sydney region's future aviation requirements.
 4. Identify strategies and locations to meet the aviation infrastructure needs of the Sydney region, through examining:
 - current and future state land use and land transport planning strategies;
 - Sydney's future requirements for transport and economic infrastructure, including Sydney's future employment nodes;
 - existing and required transport infrastructure to support additional aviation capacity for the region;
 - the need for other supporting infrastructure (energy, communications, gas, water etc);
 - the availability and application of off-airport protection measures to ensure existing and future airport capacity is protected from inappropriate development which may limit its effective long-term operations and growth;
 - the interaction between airports in the region, including Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport;
 - economic investment and environmental opportunities and challenges associated with future land use; and
 - existing airport policy and legislative requirements.
 5. Identify any other matters that will need to be considered, in delivering additional aviation capacity for the Sydney region.

Future use of the Badgerys Creek Site

1. The Commonwealth and the State will develop a joint proposal for the future use of the Badgerys Creek site, by giving due consideration to:
 - current state land use and land transport planning strategies;
 - the demand for land at Badgerys Creek for future employment and economic development purposes e.g. strategic manufacturing investment and business park opportunities;
 - zoning requirements;

- existing and required transport infrastructure to support future employment generation land use;
- the need for other supporting infrastructure (energy, communications, gas, water etc); and
- the appropriate land release strategies which maximise long-term employment opportunities in South Western Sydney.

TIMING

The Aviation Strategic Plan is due to be completed by mid 2011 and will form part of the NSW Government's Transport Blueprint.