

National Airports Safeguarding Framework – Implementation Review

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The National Airports Safeguarding Framework (NASF) seeks to improve community amenity by minimising noise-sensitive developments near airports and to improve safety outcomes by ensuring aviation safety requirements are recognised in land-use planning decisions.

Airports are important national, state, territory and regional infrastructure assets; and contribute significantly to national, state and territory economies. Strategic helicopter landing sites are also of critical need in the provision of identified services.

On behalf of the National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG), the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development will undertake a review to evaluate how well the NASF has met its objective to:

“improve community amenity by minimising noise-sensitive developments near airports and to improve safety outcomes by ensuring aviation safety requirements are recognised in land-use planning decisions.”

This review of implementation across all jurisdictions will involve consultation with members of NASAG, industry and community stakeholders.

The Review will consider progress with implementation of NASF in terms of:

- whether the NASF has been/is being embedded in legislation/regulations?
- whether the NASF is reflected in policy, guidance and any other planning advice?
- what impediments (if any) have there been to full implementation?
- the level of awareness, consideration and use of the NASF principles and Guidelines A to I by relevant government agencies, public and private airport operators;
- the level of industry and community stakeholder awareness and familiarity with the NASF framework and guidelines; and
- any specific case studies to illustrate the impact of NASF on land use planning decisions.

The Review report will put forward recommendations, as required, on measures which could enhance further implementation.

The Review will commence on 2 September 2019; with a draft report planned to be provided to NASAG members for consideration by 31 January 2020; and subsequently a final report being presented to the Transport and Infrastructure Senior Officials Committee in the first half of 2020.