

“A safe, efficient, sustainable, productive and competitive aviation sector is critical to the economy and the standard of living of all Australians.”

Minister Catherine King



Key objectives for the aviation sector



Safety and security



Minimising environmental impacts and achieving net zero 2050



Promoting sustainable competition, workforce and productivity growth



Consumer protection and access for passengers and other aircraft users



Aviation White Paper Key Dates



Released on 7 February 2023

Submissions closed on 10 March 2023

Industry Roundtable sessions held during March in-person and virtually

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Submissions on the Green Paper close 30 November 2023

Roundtable sessions held virtually and around Australia during October and November

Expected to be released in mid-2024



Aviation Green Paper

- The Green Paper addresses a wide range of issues the aviation sector faces or will need to address through to 2050. These issues are grouped thematically into the following chapters:
 - Airlines, airports and passengers – competition, consumer protections and disability access settings
 - Regional and remote aviation services
 - Maximising aviation's contribution to net zero
 - Airport development planning processes and consultation mechanisms
 - General aviation
 - Fit-for-purpose agencies and regulations
 - Emerging aviation technologies
 - Future industry workforce
 - International aviation

Chapter 6 – Airport development planning processes and consultation mechanisms

Noise complaints handling

- Do you have comments on how the operation and effectiveness of the Noise Complaints Information Service could be improved?
- Could governance arrangements for the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman be improved to provide greater independence, including publishing its findings and reports?

Chapter 6 – Airport development planning processes and consultation mechanisms

Communicating noise impacts

- How could the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast, and use of the ANEF in Government planning processes, be improved?
- What are appropriate, modern noise metrics that should be used to communicate aircraft noise impacts?
- How can governments better communicate with potential purchasers of properties which will be affected by aircraft noise in the future?
- Are there opportunities to improve transparency by publishing information about other decisions made by CASA, Airservices or airports around flight paths, and how aircraft approach and depart airports?

Chapter 6 – Airport development planning processes and consultation mechanisms

Managing noise impacts

- What can be done to proactively mitigate noise impacts by better informing residents and land-use planners?
- What else can airlines and airports do to support better management of aircraft noise?
- What can be done to facilitate increased adoption and implementation of the National Airports Safeguarding Framework principles for land planning to optimise land-use activity and reduce community impacts?
- How can the flight path design principles be improved?

Chapter 6 – Airport development planning processes and consultation mechanisms

Airport development and community consultation

- How can the existing consultation framework be improved to facilitate efficient planning and development, while preventing environmental harm and ensuring continued access for aviation users?
- Are Community Aviation Consultation Groups (CACG) working for the community? What are good aspects, and what can be improved?
- Is a monetary threshold still an appropriate mechanism for determining a 'major airport development' requiring an Major Development Plan (MDP)? What other significance tests could the Australian Government consider?



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AVIATION GREEN PAPER

TOWARDS 2050

Other chapters



Chapter 2 – Likely future directions out to 2050

- What emphasis should the Australian Government place on these trends to help guide the future of the sector? Are there any other trends the Australian Government could add?

Chapter 3 – Airlines, airports and passengers – competition, consumer protection and disability access settings

- Would an expanded remit for the Airline Customer Advocate to educate customers on their legal entitlements be useful?
- Would policies pursued in other jurisdictions – such as a Passenger Bill of Rights or customer rights charter, or a stronger ombudsman model – deliver benefits in Australia’s aviation sector?
- What should the Australian Government take into account in designing the terms of reference for the proposed Productivity Commission Inquiry into determinants of domestic airfares on routes to and between regional centres in Australia?
- Are the Aeronautical Pricing Principles fit-for-purpose? How could they be improved?

Chapter 4 – Regional and remote aviation services

- Where should the Australian Government focus its engagement in regional and remote aviation, including helping achieve Closing the Gap outcomes, noting established state, territory and local government responsibilities and programs?
- Traditionally, subsidies for intra-state aviation services have been carried by state and territory governments. Does this remain the best structure?
- What opportunities do emerging aviation technologies present for regional and remote Australia?
- What are specific issues experienced by the regional and remote aviation sector in the context of decarbonisation?
- What are the challenges faced by regional and remote aviation and airports posed by our changing climate?

Chapter 5 – Maximising aviation's contribution to net zero

- Given there are a number of measures that industry and government could pursue to help achieve net zero by 2050 in aviation, are there specific measures that more emphasis and support should be given to?
- How can the Australian Government ensure all emitters in the aviation sector play a role in meeting Australia's emissions reduction targets?
- What types of arrangements are necessary to support industry confidence in the quality standards and sustainability certification of SAF?
- What are the current and future challenges in developing an Australian SAF production industry, including challenges associated with growing, refining and consuming feedstocks?

Chapter 7 – General Aviation

- Do policy and regulatory settings adequately facilitate the General Aviation (GA) sector's evolving role in Australian aviation?
- Are there any changes to policy and regulatory settings that might facilitate the GA sector's evolving role in Australian aviation including through protections at GA airports and supporting the transition to a sustainable, net zero GA sector?
- Are existing consultation mechanisms, including the General Aviation Advisory Network (GAAN) and CASA-led Aviation Safety Advisory Panel (ASAP) and Technical Working Groups (TWG), appropriate?

Chapter 8 – Fit-for-purpose agencies and regulations

- Do you have concerns with current arrangements of roles and responsibilities within the Australian Government? Are there opportunities to improve these arrangements?
- Do you have any suggestions to improve current reform processes?
- What should the Australian Government consider when determining cost recovery arrangements to ensure a safe, equitable and accessible aviation system?
- In the air cargo environment, how could industry and Government better work together to leverage advances in technology as well as industry investments in infrastructure and technology to streamline movement of cargo?

Chapter 9 – Emerging aviation technologies

- How could the Australian Government create an environment that fosters private investment in emerging aviation technologies?
- What skills are needed for the emerging aviation technology sector workforce?
- How can the Australian Government best work with states and territories to foster a supportive environment for investment in manufacturing of these technologies?
- What regulatory roles in particular do stakeholders see as critical for the Australian Government to lead to enable the advantages of new technologies while managing the risks?

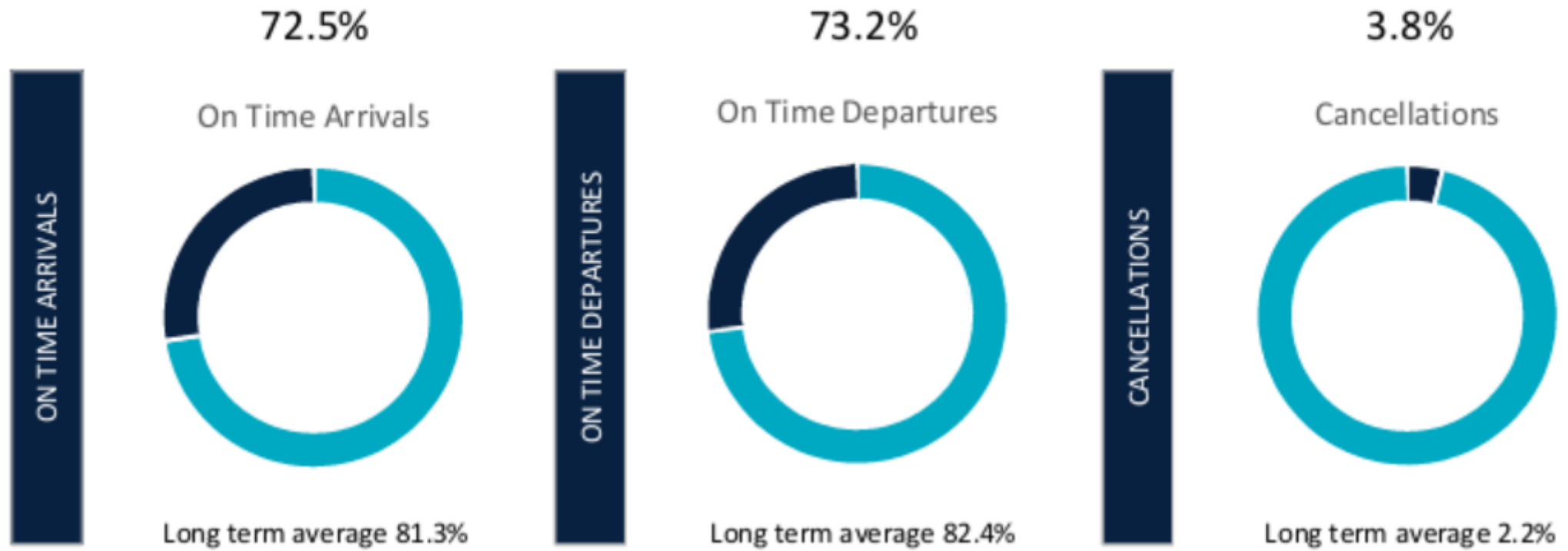
Chapter 10 – Future industry workforce

- Can alignment of training with regulatory and licencing requirements be improved?
- How should governments and industry prepare Australian workers for the new skills required for the technological transition and net zero fuels?
- What role can reforms to skilled migration pathways play in addressing immediate aviation personnel shortages?
- Are there opportunities to improve recognition of overseas training qualifications?

Chapter 11 – International aviation

- Are there other issues or concerns associated with the Australian Government's approach to negotiating aviation bilateral agreements that you wish to highlight?
- What opportunities exist to improve the approach to international negotiations?
- What areas should Australia target through its international aviation programs? Are there opportunities for improvement and where would the greatest benefits be achieved?
- What issues would be important to cover in a review of the framework for New and Redeveloping International Ports?

On Time Snapshot



Terms of reference

- On 7 February 2023, the Hon Catherine King MP released the Terms of Reference for the Aviation White Paper.
- Areas considered by the Terms of Reference include:
 - Aviation's role in economic development, trade and the visitor economy – general, domestic, regional and international aviation
 - How to support and regenerate Australia's general aviation sector
 - How to maximise the aviation sector's contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions including through sustainable aviation fuel and emerging technologies
 - Future industry workforce skills and training requirements
 - Changing aviation technologies and ways to position our policies, regulations and systems to encourage uptake and manufacturing of new, more efficient, transport technologies
 - Appropriate consumer protections and access to services
 - Airport development planning processes and consultation mechanisms that consider the impact and changing nature of aircraft noise and related expectations on the role of noise sharing and noise mitigation
 - Maintaining fit-for-purpose aviation safety, air navigation and aviation security systems and service delivery agencies
 - The role of airlines and airports in supporting regional economies
 - Other significant issues raised during the consultation process