

Brisbane City Council (Council) acknowledges the importance of the ongoing operation, development and upgrading of airports to ensure economic benefits to the wider community and appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback. The following matters are raised for your consideration.

Land Use Planning

Whilst the recognition of land use planning as a major influence in the paper is a positive, it should not be the only mechanism relied upon to mitigate the increasing issues generated by airports and aircraft (such as traffic and noise). Given the ever increasing need to provide housing, the need to increase density especially in existing urban areas is paramount and often will be in direct conflict with areas already impacted by aircraft noise.

Community sentiment in Brisbane that is often raised directly with Council, is that airports have limited accountability and are poor in dealing with community concerns regarding aircraft noise. There is currently significant attention regarding Brisbane's new runway and noise over residential areas.

The current National Airports Safeguarding Framework (NASF) and Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) approach is not sufficient as is to assist in the mitigation of aircraft noise. Current maximum noise levels do not reflect actual noise experienced by affected residences, and measures required to attenuate the noise is therefore inadequate. The comments made in the paper that alternate and more detailed noise measures should be utilised are supported.

Land use planning at a national level should better take into account State and Local government's land use planning frameworks and be given a more elevated consideration (beyond mere "consultation"). Whilst Council may not have the intensity of concerns as other local governments in New South Wales and Victoria regarding the protection of airport lands for aviation, impacts on strategic land use and infrastructure planning as well as impacts on council networks is of ongoing concern.

- The use of the NASF and ANEF in Government planning processes, be improved and use more modern appropriate noise metrics to in both planning for and communicating aircraft noise impacts.
- National standardised wording for communication of noise impacts to potential purchasers of properties affected by aircraft noise.
- Improving transparency through publishing information about other decisions made by CASA, Airservices or airports around flight paths, and how aircraft approach and depart airports.
- Consideration of technologies and innovations in aircraft noise mitigation at a national level.
- Flight path design principles which factor in planning considerations at the time of preparation. Consideration of international standards and methods (for highly densified / populated cities and regions) to recognise our growing cities and regions.

Other initiatives

The initiatives including seeking greater access for people with disabilities, the pursuit of sustainability and seeking to achieve net zero are supported.

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact the Partnerships Team on return email.

Kind regards

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