

AAB Update

March 2026



Tailwind Trial Update

Results (to end of February)

Month	Suitable nights	Trial Hours	Total departures (during trial hours)	Tailwind departures
December	7	18.1	60	8
January	10	46.1	112	14
February	5	16.0	67	7

Participating Operators

- Cathay Pacific Airlines
- Qantas Freight
- Texel Freight
- Emirates
- Singapore Airlines
- China Airlines

Observations

- Weather has reduced the number of opportunities (N winds/rain)
- 2200 – 2315 generally not available due to traffic complexity
- 0500-0600 similar, but that may be a daylight-saving issue
- Planned route/destination seems to make a significant difference
- Tailwinds up to 8 knots observed – nothing greater
- Data from airlines has not identified any performance issues



Changes to BACACG

- Draft CACG Guidelines were publicly consulted in 2025 proposing some changes to the structure and processes for CACGs.
- Based on the draft guidelines, Brisbane Airport and the BACACG Chair have made some amendments to the BACACG
 - The existing electorate-based approach will continue, with additional members invited to attend:
 - representative for tourism
 - representative for local (airport based) businesses
 - representative for active transport
 - potential representatives for accessibility and First Nations advocacy groups
- Timing and publication changes for agenda items to provide better transparency
- Revised meeting structure to provide time for a wider range of topics
- Quicker turn-around on meeting minutes
- Introduction of an annual report covering agenda items and any actions
- The current quarterly meeting scheduling will remain (no reduction)



SODPROPS Outlook

The original EIS for the western runway forecast that daytime SODPROPS was unlikely to be available for use beyond 2035

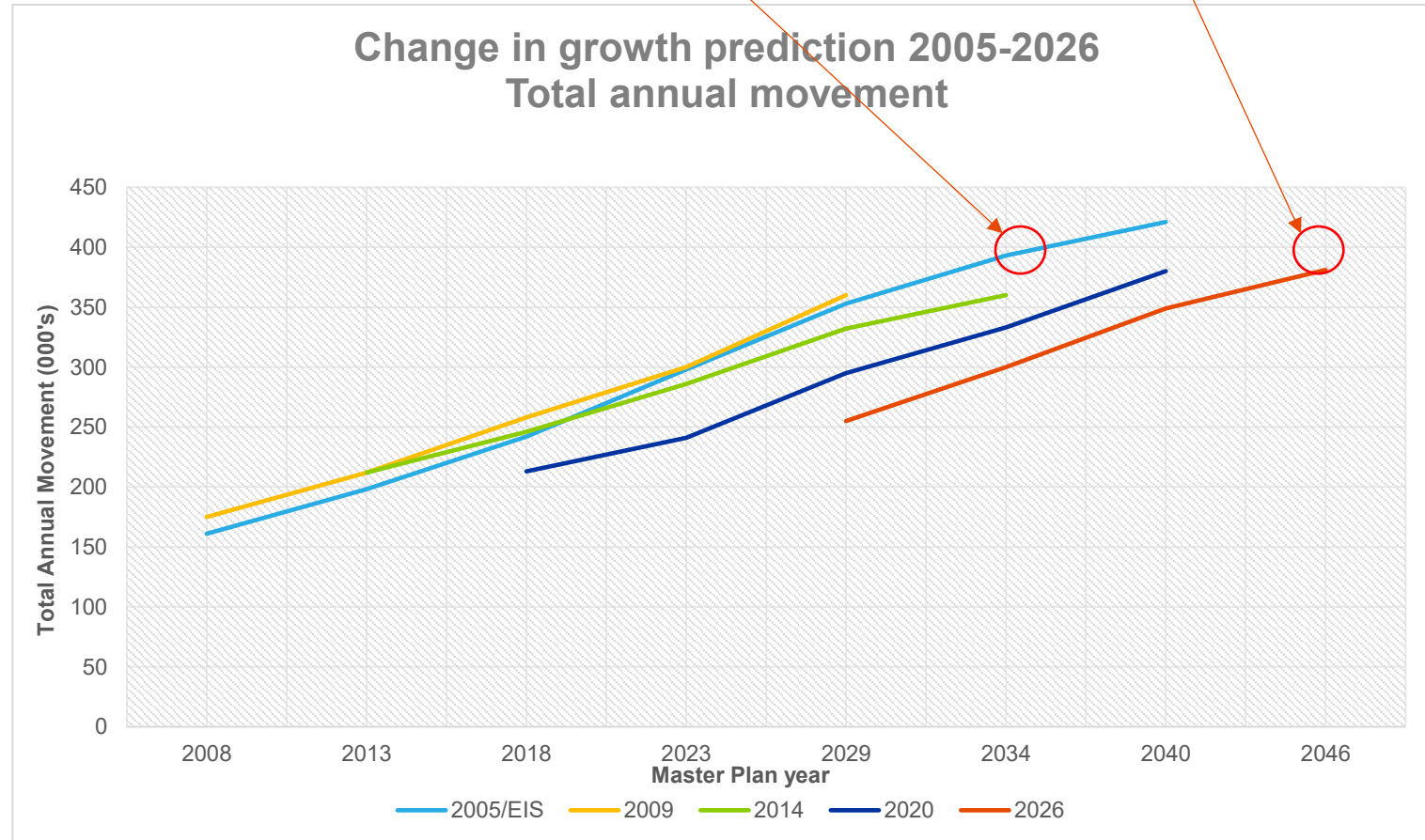
The 2026MP forecast indicates that equivalent traffic levels will not be reached until well into the 2040s

It is highly likely that daytime SODPROPS will be achievable beyond 2035 during quieter periods of the day

SODPROPS during nighttime hours remains viable for the foreseeable future.

EIS forecast
Predicted daytime SODPROPS would be unavailable around the 400,000 annual movements point

2026 Forecast
Predicts the 400,000 annual movement level will not be achieved until well into 2040s



Other updates

- 2026 Master Plan has been submitted to the Minister's Office for approval. Currently responding to requests for additional supporting information
- A runway works program is being planned for August-October 2026 that will affect both runways. This includes:
 - Western runway regrading
 - Eastern runway pavement works
 - Low visibility lighting upgrades
- Once the planning and schedule are finalised Brisbane Airport will commence public engagement to inform communities of the plans.



Questions



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