

Airport Expansion Project

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Project overview

Sunshine Coast Airport is one of the busiest council-operated airports in Australia and accommodated almost one million passenger movements in the 2015/16 financial year.

The New Runway Project represents the ongoing development of an airport that has been operating and evolving for more than 50 years. As the region continues to grow, the airport needs to expand to meet the needs of the community and to continue to support the development of the region's economy.

The project will deliver new facilities to meet current and future demand for greater direct flight access from destinations across Australia, Asia and the Western Pacific. The Airport Expansion Project will create jobs, generate economic growth, boost tourism to the region and assist export businesses.

It is proposed the runway will be open for operations in 2020.

Why is council investing in the airport?

At only 1797 metres long and 30 metres wide the current runway requires airlines to operate on non-standard narrow runway procedures, constraining growth in new destination flight services, passenger numbers and freight capacity.

The new runway will be longer, wider, aligned to prevailing winds and free of constraints that currently apply.

The new facilities will provide opportunities for airlines to offer new services to a wider range of destinations. It will cater for larger, more fuel efficient aircraft that can fly longer distances and open the Sunshine Coast up to direct flight access from destinations across Australia, Asia and the Western Pacific.

The broader Sunshine Coast region's population is forecast to grow to more than 500,000 by 2031. The airport infrastructure needs to accommodate and respond to the forecast demand for services up to, and beyond, that period.

Key deliverables

The New Runway Project will include:

- a new 2450m long x 45m wide runway
- an expanded aircraft parking apron
- runway end taxi loops
- a new air traffic control tower and associated infrastructure
- passenger terminal upgrades.



How will the Sunshine Coast community benefit from the project?

The redevelopment of Sunshine Coast Airport and the delivery of a new runway will allow the Airport to operate more efficiently and effectively. The Airport Expansion Project will also create significant economic benefits for the Sunshine Coast region, by creating additional employment, generating further economic activity, and providing capacity for future growth.

Key project benefits:

- \$4.1 billion contribution to the Sunshine Coast economy (2020 – 2040)
- generation of more than 2230 jobs
- 3,500 fewer dwellings within benchmark aircraft noise contours upon opening the new runway, growing to a reduction of 5200 dwellings by 2040
- supports the ongoing development of the Sunshine Coast region
- a runway fully compliant with aviation standards, securing our future aviation access
- removes aircraft load constraints and provides enhanced domestic and global connections for the community, tourists, local business and export freight
- potential to attract up to 2 million more passengers annually by 2040.

What stage is the project currently at?

In May 2016 the Queensland Coordinator-General released the Evaluation Report on the Airport



Expansion Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which was prepared by council in response to the terms of reference issued by both the State and Commonwealth Governments.

The EIS process required council to carry out detailed studies of the project and its implications for the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the project site, the lands surrounding the airport and the broader Sunshine Coast region. The EIS concluded that the project would deliver major economic and social benefits with no significant adverse environmental impacts.

In July 2016 the Commonwealth Government provided approval to Council to construct and operate a new runway, revised apron and expanded passenger terminal, at Sunshine Coast Airport.

Next steps

Council will consider the conditions and recommendations contained in the Coordinator General's Evaluation Report.

Council has appointed a Project Director and are in the process of establishing a Project Delivery Team to manage progress towards the

detailed design stage ahead of construction.

Consultation

The EIS was exhibited for public comment by the Coordinator-General between 29 September and 13 November 2014.

Sunshine Coast Council, as the proponent for the project, prepared an Additional Environmental Impact Statement (AEIS) for the further consideration of the Coordinator-General. The AEIS (exhibited during November 2015) provided council's responses to all matters raised in submissions made in response to the exhibition of the EIS in 2014.

The Coordinator-General has determined the AEIS substantially addressed the issues raised in response to the EIS.

Both the EIS and AEIS are available on the website of the Coordinator General:

www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/assessments-and-approvals/sunshine-coast-airport-expansion.html

How can I find out more information?

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