

SUNSHINE COAST FLY NEIGHBOURLY PROCEDURE

BACKGROUND

With the introduction of Runway 13/31 at the Sunshine Coast Airport there has been a marked increase in noise complaints. These complaints have centered mainly around the Mudjimba area.

Although LifeFlight helicopter movements are consistent with normal airport operating procedures, in an effort to reduce complaints the following procedure is requested to be used whenever possible.

PROCEDURE

Whenever Runway 31 is the active runway and you are approaching from the south, track to a position at the mouth of the Maroochy River.

From here track to the west of Twin Waters Resort and overhead the Twin Waters Golf Club. Track north (aligned with the old Runway 36, now known as Taxiway Foxtrot) until you are positioned abeam the domestic terminal.

A left turn can then be made to air transit along Taxiway Echo to HLS Juliet.

Particularly in the early hours of the morning, height above ground should be as high as possible for as long as possible to help reduce noise.

LifeFlight stabilised approach criteria apply.

The flight path is shown as a yellow line in Fig.1.

GENERAL FLY NEIGHBOURLY CONSIDERATIONS AND PROCEDURES

The following can be considered as general information for flying neighbourly not just around the airport, but also the Sunshine coast hospital and other populated locations Lifeflight operate.

- Air traffic control and aircraft safety will **ALWAYS** take precedence, however, where possible flight paths should be flown that will reduce noise exposure to built up areas.
- No change is to be made to the flight path if conducting an instrument approach at Sunshine Coast.
- Mudjimba and the Sunshine Coast hospital produce the most noise complaints. Arriving and departing the hospital avoid being low over the residential areas. Remain to the West of the hospital as much as possible.
- Adopt and maintain best rate of climb to minimize noise over residential areas.
- Try and be above 1000' when flying over noise sensitive areas.
- Avoid steep turns and blade slape noise over noise sensitive areas.

Fig.1.

