

BRISBANE AIRPORT CHANGES TO DEPARTURE FLIGHT PATHS

Airservices is the government-owned corporation responsible for providing air traffic management and aviation rescue fire fighting services in Australia. Each year we manage more than four million flights across the country, involving some 90 million passengers, including those operating to and from Brisbane Airport.

Aviation is critical to the broader economy and effectively links our people with each other and the rest of the world. Brisbane Airport is a vital part of the national transport system, however, managing the impacts of aircraft noise remains a key challenge for an industry that is experiencing high levels of growth.

WHAT IS BEING CHANGED AND WHY?

Airservices is changing two departure flight paths from Brisbane Airport in order to increase airport runway capacity and potentially assist airlines to improve their on-time performance.

One of the flight path changes is entirely over Moreton Bay.

The other change will move up to six flights a day from a flight path over south-eastern suburbs onto a long-established flight path to the north of the airport. This will allow greater use of Runway 14 (the shorter cross runway).

These changes also provide a range of safety improvements in the way aircraft are managed at Brisbane Airport, reducing complexity within air traffic control and better aligning management of the airspace over Brisbane with world's best practice.

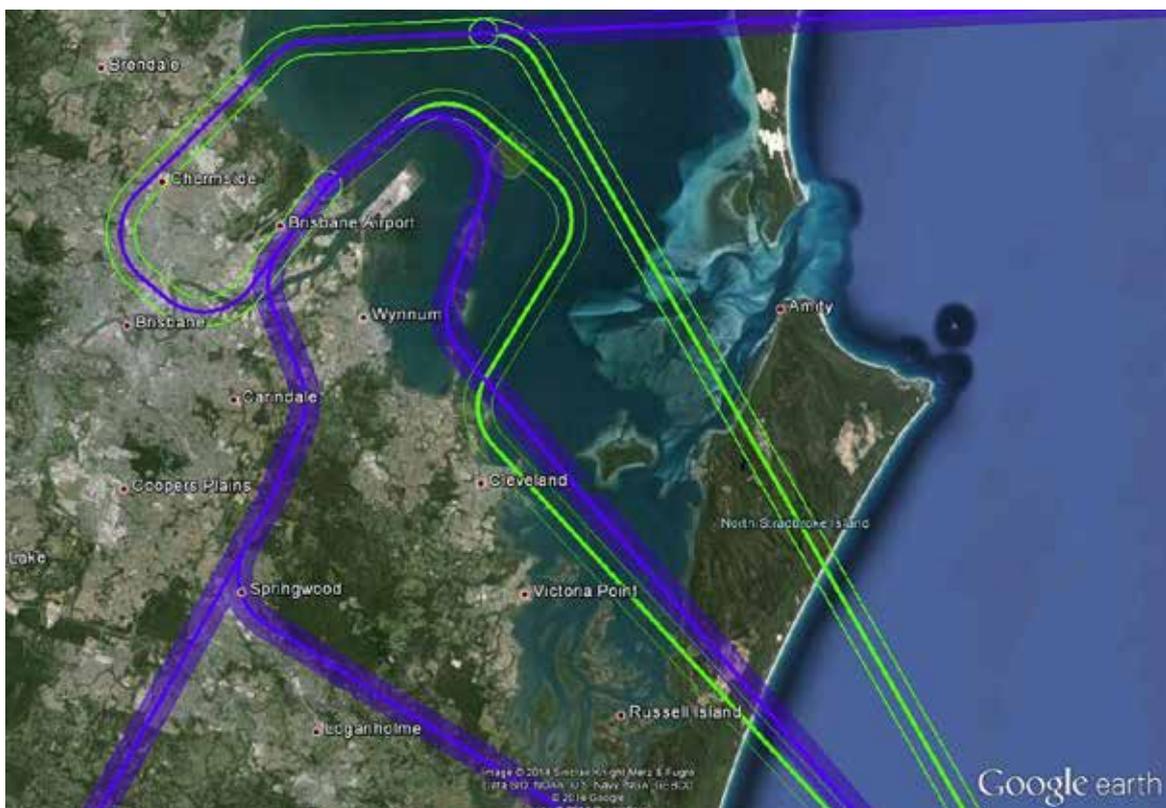


FIGURE 1 Existing departure flight paths (purple) and new flight paths (green).

WILL I NOTICE ANY INCREASE OR CHANGE IN NOISE?

The changes will not expose any new areas to aircraft noise. One of the flight path changes will move up to six flights a day onto a long-established flight path around the city, heading north.

This north-easterly flight path is used by up to 45 flights a day. An additional six flights on this flight path is not expected to have a noticeable noise impact on the community.

These changes will increase the capacity of Runway 14 for arriving flights (predominantly non-jets). This is expected to provide noise respite opportunities in the evening for some residents on the northern side of the airport.

WHEN WILL THE CHANGE START?

The changes to these flight paths will be implemented in December 2014. A review of the change will be conducted by Airservices in 12 months and a report will be published for community comment.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS?

The changes to these flight paths aim to balance environmental and operational impacts. It is expected that the environmental impact from these changes will be minor, with the change in the number of aircraft overflying northern suburbs unlikely to be noticeable.

Due to the greater distance that will be flown by some aircraft as a result of these changes, additional aircraft emissions are estimated to be 1400 tonnes a year.

HOW CAN I HAVE MY SAY?

We have put in place a range of feedback mechanisms and will include all community views and comments in the review process.

Your feedback is welcomed by contacting the Noise Complaints and Information Service on:

- 1800 802 584 (free call)
- online form <https://complaints.bksv.com/asa>
- mail to Noise Complaints and Information Service, PO Box 211 Mascot NSW 1460.

An interpreter service is also available on 131 450.