

CANBERRA AIRPORT CHANGE TO DEPARTURE FLIGHT PATH

Airservices is the government-owned corporation responsible for providing air traffic management and aviation rescue and 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 Canberra Airport.

Aviation is critical to the broader economy and effectively links our people with each other and the rest of the world. Canberra 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.

Airservices proactively works with Canberra Airport and the community to improve aircraft noise outcomes. At the request of the airport, a flight path has been changed for south and west departures at Canberra Airport to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on residential areas.

WHAT IS BEING CHANGED?

Currently, jet aircraft departing from Runway 35 on the Standard Instrument Departure (SID) turn left on reaching 7000 feet (ft) which is in accordance with Canberra Noise Abatement Procedures. Aircraft that reach 7000 ft early, track over residential areas to the north-west of Canberra such as Gungahlin.

The proposed change will require aircraft to reach a 'waypoint' north of Canberra's suburbs before turning left, rather than turning left as soon as they reach 7000 ft. This means that aircraft will fly more over non-residential land rather than residential areas in Gungahlin.

HOW MANY AIRCRAFT USE THIS FLIGHT PATH?

Around 5000 aircraft use this flight path per year, with more than 20 using it on a busy day. The change will not impact on the number of aircraft using this departure flight path.

WILL I NOTICE ANY INCREASE OR CHANGE IN NOISE?

It is expected that there will be a noticeable reduction in aircraft noise for some residential areas in Gungahlin.

WHEN WILL THE CHANGE START?

Aircraft will commence flying the modified flight path in November 2014. A review of the change will be conducted by Airservices in 12 months and a report published for community comment.

HAS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BEEN DONE?

Yes, the modified flight path aims to balance environmental and operational impacts. Our analysis concluded the environmental impact from this change is expected to be minor. A copy of the environmental assessment is available on our website. www.airservicesaustralia.com/projects/flight-path-changes/canberra-airport-departures

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.

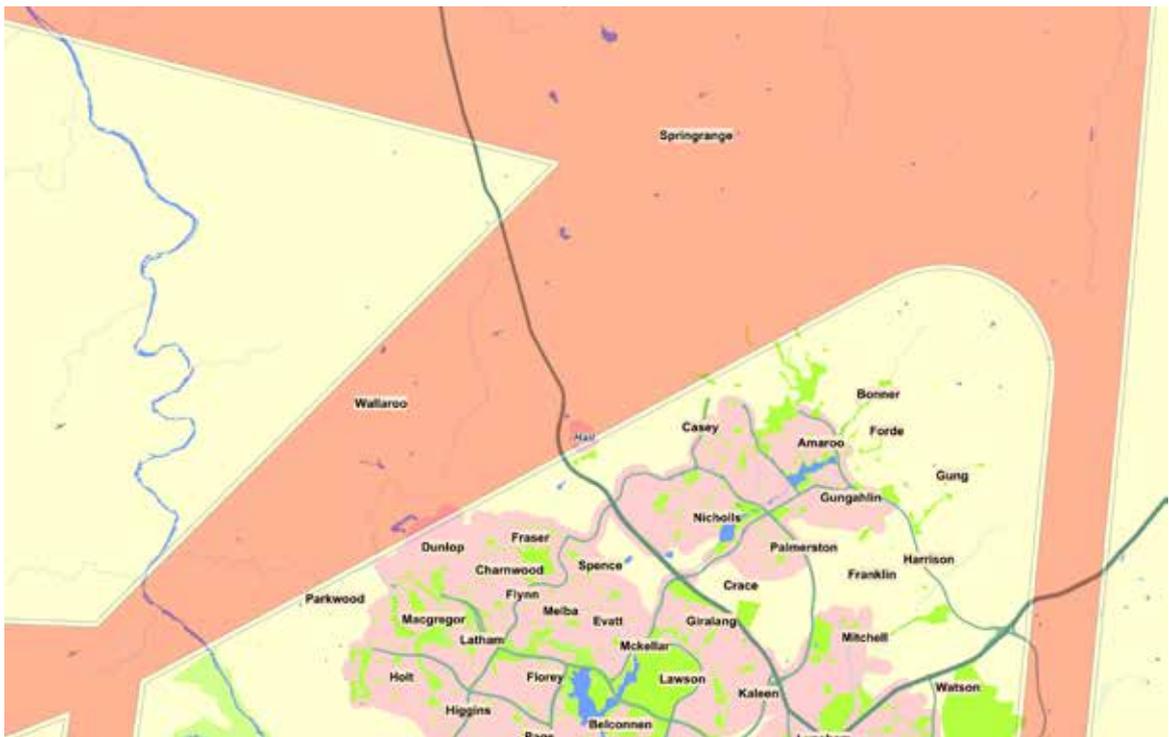
Your feedback is welcomed by contacting the Noise Complaints and Information Service on:

- 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.



Green area shows flight path used prior to November 2014.



Orange area shows flight path used from November 2014.