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Planning for airports and airfields

Objective

To strengthen the role of Victoria's airports and airfields within the state's economic and transport infrastructure, facilitate their siting and expansion and protect their ongoing operation.

Strategies

Protect airports from incompatible land uses.

Ensure that in the planning of airports, land use decisions are integrated, appropriate land use buffers are in place and provision is made for associated businesses that service airports.

Ensure the planning of airports identifies and encourages activities that complement the role of the airport and enables the operator to effectively develop the airport to be efficient and functional and contribute to the aviation needs of the state.

Ensure the effective and competitive operation of Melbourne Airport at both national and international levels.

Protect the environs of Avalon Airport so it can operate as a full-size jet airport focussing on freight, training and services.

Recognise Essendon Airport's current role in providing specialised functions related to aviation, freight and logistics and its potential future role as a significant employment and residential precinct that builds on the current functions.

Recognise Moorabbin Airport as an important regional and state aviation asset by supporting its continued use as a general aviation airport, ensuring future development at the site encourages uses that support and enhance the state's aviation industry and supporting opportunities to extend activities at the airport that improve access to regional Victoria.

Maintain Point Cook Airfield as an operating airport complementary to Moorabbin Airport.

Preserve long-term options for a new general aviation airport south-east of Metropolitan Melbourne by ensuring urban development does not infringe on possible sites, buffer zones or flight paths.

Avoid the location of new airfields in areas that have greater long-term value to the community for other purposes.

Plan the location of airfields, nearby existing and potential development, and the land-based transport system required to serve them as an integrated operation.

Plan the visual amenity and impact of any use or development of land on the approaches to an airfield to be consistent with the status of the airfield.

Plan for areas around all airfields such that:

- Any new use or development that could prejudice the safety or efficiency of an airfield is precluded.
- The detrimental effects of aircraft operations (such as noise) are taken into account in regulating and restricting the use and development of affected land.

- Any new use or development that could prejudice future extensions to an existing airfield or aeronautical operations in accordance with an approved strategy or master plan for that airfield is precluded.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *National Airports Safeguarding Framework* (as agreed by Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers at the meeting of the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure on 18 May 2012)
- *Avalon Airport Master Plan* (Avalon Airport Australia Pty Ltd, 2015)
- *Avalon Airport Strategy* (Department of Business and Employment/AeroSpace Technologies of Australia, 1993) and its associated Aircraft Noise Exposure Concepts