

# Noise Amelioration Plan

Melbourne Airport is expanding to serve the state's growing population. When the new third runway opens in 2031, it will change flight paths and correspondingly the location of noise around Melbourne. For some residents close to the airport, the impact of noise will be significant.

A condition of the approval for the third runway is that Melbourne Airport must develop a Noise Amelioration Plan to address significant noise for certain residences and public facilities.

This fact sheet outlines how Melbourne Airport is working to develop its Noise Amelioration Plan, how local communities will be asked to contribute to the plan and how you can keep in touch with its progress.

## What is "noise amelioration"?

Amelioration means treatment and mitigation – in this case, ways to reduce the impact of noise in homes and certain sensitive public buildings including schools, childcare facilities, aged care and health centres.

Noise amelioration is usually achieved through building improvements like acoustic insulation, window double-glazing and upgraded vents and seals.

## What will be in Melbourne Airport's Noise Amelioration Plan?

Melbourne Airport is developing the scope of its Noise Amelioration Plan. The plan will be submitted to the Federal Minister for Infrastructure by September 2026 for approval.

The plan's scope will come from noise forecasts that include the flight paths and aircraft traffic growth to come with the new third runway. We expect to have these forecasts ready in 2026.

In the meantime, we are working with the Victorian Government as well as Hume and Brimbank City Councils to understand existing planning and building standards. We will also be consulting with the Melbourne Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group and with local communities to understand how we can shape a Noise Amelioration Plan that is practical and effective.

The Noise Amelioration Plan will include:

- **Objectives** – the plan's aims with respect to Australian and international construction and community standards
- **Scope** – the residential addresses and sensitive facilities within the most significant noise impact areas
- **Eligibility assessment** – how experts will determine recommendations for effective treatment
- **Program** – the timeframe for offering and delivering amelioration to eligible properties
- **Communication channels** – for enquiries, consultations, complaints and disputes.

## Who will be eligible?

The boundaries of the plan, defined by noise forecasts, are currently being assessed. Once the plan has been approved and the list of eligible properties is defined, owners and occupiers of eligible properties will be contacted by Melbourne Airport.

Some properties within the plan's boundaries will have restricted eligibility or be excluded, for example properties with heritage overlay restrictions.

There are already some planning controls and building standards that apply to properties near Melbourne Airport, which are designed to avoid significant noise impacts in residences and communities. The Noise Amelioration Plan will aim to ensure that all eligible properties meet these criteria.

## What happens next?

Melbourne Airport is starting development of the Noise Amelioration Plan in consultation with Hume and Brimbank City Councils, Melbourne Airport's Community Aviation Consultation Group and the Victorian Government.

We will also consult in affected communities through 2025 and 2026 to make sure that the plan understands and responds to residents' expectations and needs. Please monitor our announcements and website for more information about how to participate.

## Key dates



## Further information and resources

Melbourne Airport information about the third runway project:

[www.melbourneairport.com.au/runway](http://www.melbourneairport.com.au/runway)

We will update available information about consultation opportunities and the Noise Amelioration Plan as they become available. In the meantime, please contact us at [newrunway@melair.com.au](mailto:newrunway@melair.com.au) with any queries.