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## **Sunshine Coast Airport – Proposed Airspace and Flight Path Changes**

I would like to provide you with information regarding how Airservices Australia ('Airservices') is preparing detailed airspace and flight path designs to support operation of the new runway at the Sunshine Coast Airport (SCA).

As you may be aware, Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) is leading the Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project (SCAEP) that will see the creation of a new runway at SCA known as Runway 13/31. In 2019 Airservices designed flight paths that were modelled on the flight path design concepts in the approved Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that was conducted as part of the SCAEP.

Where there were opportunities to improve environmental outcomes, including minimising the effect of aircraft operations near communities, Airservices proposed some variations to the concept flight paths. We then held targeted consultation sessions between 20 March and 30 April 2019, to seek feedback from the specific communities where the proposed flight paths varied slightly from the concept flight paths in the EIS.

Details of the proposed flight path changes are available on our website:

<http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/projects/flight-path-changes/sunshine-coast-airport-airspace-changes-runway-1331/>

We received a considerable amount of feedback, both from the areas where we consulted on the proposed flight path variations ('consultation areas'), and from the broader Sunshine Coast community where the flight path designs are consistent with the concept flight paths in the approved EIS.

As a result we have decided to release summaries of this feedback, and our consideration of the feedback in the context of the final design development, in three (3) stages:

1. **Summary of Feedback – Part 1 (Consultation Areas):** Summarises the feedback received from the communities in the specific areas where we consulted on proposed flight path variations, and provides an analysis of the themes within this feedback.
2. **Summary of Feedback – Part 2:** Summarises the general feedback received from communities in the broader Sunshine Coast area, including an analysis of the themes within this feedback (release date by end of June 2019).
3. **Consideration of Feedback:** A summary report on how we have considered the feedback provided by the Sunshine Coast communities in shaping the final flight path designs (release date in early July 2019).

Today we have released the **Summary of Feedback – Part 1 (Consultation Areas)**.

We have also developed a **Timeline** that depicts key milestones and responsibilities in relation to the development of the new runway at Sunshine Coast Airport, and Airservices next steps.

Through the community submissions we received requests to release details and findings from our internal **Airservices Targeted Environmental Impact Assessment (TEIA)** report. We have made the TEIA report publically available on our website today.

These documents are available at <http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/projects/flight-path-changes/sunshine-coast-airport-airspace-changes-runway-1331/>.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all community members in the Sunshine Coast region who provided feedback and submissions during our community consultation activities.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Lawton', written in a cursive style.

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