

Frequently asked questions and answers for further community consultation

	Question	Answer	MP21 chapter
Overview of Master Plan 2021			
1.	What is an airport Master Plan?	The Master Plan is a 20-year strategic vision for the Airport and every Commonwealth leased Airport is required have one under Part 5 of the Airports Act 1996 (Cth).	1 Introduction
2.	What content must be included in a Master Plan?	<p>Master Plan 2021 builds on the previous Master Plans and must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an assessment of the future need of civil aviation users and other uses of the airport; • the intention for land use and development; • development objectives; • information about flight paths, an Australian Noise Exposure Forecast and plans for managing aircraft noise; • an Airport Environment Strategy; • a ground transportation plan; and • information on proposed non-aviation developments and the effect of these developments on employment, the economy and the community. 	4 Master Plan Process
3.	What is the Master Plan timeline?	<p>The Preliminary Draft Master Plan must be publicly exhibited for 60 business days and consulted on in accordance with the Airports Act 1996 (Cth).</p> <p>Following public exhibition and consultation, the Draft Master Plan 2021 is prepared based on the Preliminary Draft and takes into account feedback received.</p> <p>By 7 February 2022, the Draft Master Plan 2021 will be submitted to the relevant Minister who decides whether to approve the Master Plan within 50 business days (noting this time period may be extended).</p> <p>The Draft Master Plan 2021 submission will also be accompanied by all comments received from the public during the public exhibition period.</p>	4 Master Plan Process
4.	What are the key objectives of Master Plan 2021?	<p>Master Plan 2021 is a plan to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support ongoing safe aviation activities at the Airport; 	1 Introduction

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> responsibly grow flight training and associated aviation services; promote sustainable planning and development; focus on renewability and productivity; and create economic benefits and increase local jobs. 	
5.	<p>Are changes proposed in Master Plan 2021 automatically approved if the Master Plan is approved?</p>	<p>Approval of an Airport's Master Plan does not mean that all proposed elements, changes or developments are automatically approved and will take place.</p> <p>There are additional approval processes that may be required. For example, developments proposed in the Master Plan must be assessed using Moorabbin Airport's industry-leading building approval process and will be subject to approval by the independent Airport Building Controller.</p>	<p>1 Introduction 5 Planning Framework & Context</p>
6.	<p>What new commitments have been included in Master Plan 2021?</p>	<p>Master Plan 2021 provides for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new aircraft parking, new apron pavement and upgrades to services and trunk infrastructure (power, water, etc); the investment of a further \$300 million in the Airport; the implementation of sustainability initiatives including solar as approved by CASA, improved water management and extensive landscaping plans delivering additional trees, shrubs, sedges and grasses; and further improvements to ground access points to the Airport. 	<p>9 Ground Transport Plan</p>
7.	<p>What consultation has Moorabbin Airport done as part of preparing Master Plan 2021?</p>	<p>Moorabbin Airport has implemented an industry best approach to the consultation requirements set out in the Airports Act. The public consultation period was double the statutory requirement.</p> <p>More than 300 consultation events with stakeholders have been completed including online briefings, telephone calls, correspondence and meetings. Multiple articles have been published in local and city newspapers referencing that the Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2021 was in a public consultation phase.</p>	<p>4 Master Plan Process</p>
8.	<p>What are the roles of each stakeholder?</p>	<p>Moorabbin Airport engages with all relevant stakeholders including the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Government 	<p>4 Master Plan Process</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (DITRDC) – responsible for generally administering the Airports Act 1996 (Cth) and overseeing the development of master plans; ○ The Minister of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – responsible for approving or rejecting master plans; ○ Airport Building Controller and the Airport Environment Officer – responsible for independent building and environment matters at the Airport; • Commonwealth Aviation Regulators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Civil Aviation Safety Authority – the Australian Government body that regulates Australian aviation safety; ○ Airservices Australia – the Australian Government agency responsible for the management of airspace and the body who endorses the ANEF; • Victorian and Local stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Victorian Government – including the Minister for Planning and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning; ○ City of Kingston – the local council and planning authority for the area surrounding the Airport (excluding the Airport site); and ○ Local Communities - residents and businesses and their representative organisations in the neighbourhood of the Airport. 	
9.	How many Master Plans have been approved since privatisation?	Master Plan 2021 will be the fifth Master Plan for the Airport since privatisation and builds on the successes of the previous four Master Plans. Master Plan 2021 identifies a safe, effective and productive use of the Airport and its five runways and airport infrastructure.	1 Introduction

Aviation activities			
10.	How does Moorabbin Airport ensure the safety of aviation activities?	<p>Moorabbin Airport's first priority is safety.</p> <p>For day-to-day operations, Moorabbin Airport has championed the introduction of important airfield features (such as the Circuit Booking System) to maximise the safety of pilots, residents and visitors.</p> <p>Additionally, all development undertaken Moorabbin Airport includes a consultation phase with aviation regulators (Civil Aviation Safety Authority and Airservices Australia) to ensure that safety is continuously improved at the Airport.</p>	7 Aviation Development Plan
11.	Is further aviation investment planned under Master Plan 2021?	<p>A further \$300 million will be invested in the Airport by 2029.</p> <p>Under Master Plan 2021, Moorabbin Airport will continue to develop airside infrastructure, including new apron areas, hangars, airport maintenance equipment and services infrastructure.</p>	7 Aviation Development Plan
12.	What is the "Ultimate Practical Capacity" for aircraft movements at the Airport?	<p>The "Ultimate Practical Capacity" is a forecast of the maximum number of aircraft movements that can occur annually at the Airport. Changes affecting aviation land use under Master Plan 2021 do not constrain the forecast for the number of aircraft movements.</p> <p>This forecast takes into account factors such as the number of aircraft that can safely access designed airspace surrounding the airport, movement growth, runway capacity, classification of airspace and constraints such as safety, operational hours and noise.</p> <p>The Ultimate Practical Capacity Australian Noise Exposure Forecast is independently endorsed by Airservices Australia.</p> <p>Moorabbin Airport does not itself manage or control aircraft or the airspace at the Airport.</p>	7 Aviation Development Plan
13.	Will hangars be decommissioned under Master Plan 2021?	<p>Master Plan 2021 plans to increase the overall hangar space at the Airport.</p> <p>Although some existing hangars may be decommissioned or redeveloped, Master Plan 2021 provides for more hangars to be constructed.</p>	<p>1 Introduction</p> <p>6 Land Use Plan</p> <p>7 Aviation Development Plan</p>
14.	What are Runway Codes?	<p>Runway Codes adopted by CASA are assigned to runways depending on the runway's physical capacity to accept departing and arriving aircraft.</p>	7 Aviation Development Plan

		<p>Moorabbin Airport assesses its runways in consultation with aviation regulators to determine the coding that should apply.</p> <p>Master Plan 2021 seeks to change the coding of Runway 17L/35R from Code 3 to Code 2 17R/35L from Code 2 to Code 1. These changes will not have any practical effect on Airport users. The physical characteristics of runways will not change and the new codes are consistent with updated Aerodrome Regulatory requirements and better reflect the aircraft mix at the Airport.</p>	
15.	Does Master Plan 2021 change the number of runways at the Airport?	No, the Airport retains the current five runways and control tower.	7 Aviation Development Plan
16.	Will the Airport continue to be a base for emergency service operators in Victoria?	Master Plan 2021 plans for the Airport to continue as a base for operators providing emergency services including firefighting and surf lifesaving and will facilitate the growth of these services where appropriate to do so.	7 Aviation Development Plan
17.	What is the approach to freight and charter services?	The Aviation Development Plan in Master Plan 2021 will safeguard the current type and volume of air freight services and charter activities and will facilitate the growth of operators at the Airport as required.	7 Aviation Development Plan
18.	Does Master Plan 2021 plan for regular public transport (RPT) activities?	Moorabbin Airport will continue to support niche passenger transport services.	7 Aviation Development Plan

Aircraft noise			
19.	What is the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast?	<p>An Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) is a forecasting methodology that is used to produce a contour plan representing various degrees of exposure to aircraft noise for the areas surrounding the airport.</p> <p>Moorabbin Airport considers the ANEF in conjunction with other metrics such as 'Number above' noise contours. 'Number above' noise contours demonstrate the average number of events per day that exceed a defined noise level.</p> <p>All Master Plans must include an Airservices endorsed ANEF as required by the Airports Act 1996 (Cth).</p>	12 Airport Safeguarding Strategy

20.	What noise management measures are being implemented under Master Plan 2021?	<p>Moorabbin Airport manages the generation of aircraft noise by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitoring and reporting ground-based noise complaints; • consulting with government, local communities, Airport users, regulators, the Airport Environment Officer and Airservices Australia to provide solutions to mitigate noise impacts; • undertaking regular inspections of major construction sites by management, external consultants and the Airport Environment Officer; and • implementing the "Fly Friendly" guidelines. 	11 Airport Environment Strategy
21.	What is Moorabbin Airport's "Fly Friendly" initiative?	<p>Moorabbin Airport's Fly Friendly guidelines identify practical measures to decrease noise, such as using the least noise-sensitive runways, providing special areas for maintenance, limiting training hours and flights paths and promoting good behaviour of pilots.</p>	12 Airport Safeguarding Strategy

Environment and sustainability			
22.	What is the Airport Environment Strategy (AES)?	<p>The AES details Moorabbin Airport's environmental objectives and commitments, building on the environmental achievements of Master Plan 2015.</p> <p>The AES covers the matters required by Commonwealth legislation and contains a number of Environmental Action Plans, which are reported on annually.</p>	11 Airport Environment Strategy
23.	What are some of the sustainability initiatives that Moorabbin Airport is taking?	<p>Moorabbin Airport is committed to the following environment and sustainability initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increasing the number of renewable energy sources (eg. solar power) and reducing the consumption of energy at the Airport; • enhancing the local natural environment by planting more trees and vegetation to offset urban heat island issues; • promoting the use of biofuels for Airport equipment and vehicles and installing charging points for electric vehicles; and • improving waste management practices at the Airport. 	3 Sustainability, Corporate Responsibility and Community

24.	Are there any plans under Master Plan 2021 to preserve green spaces and increase visual amenity?	<p>Moorabbin Airport is rejuvenating green corridors and actively caring for the natural environment at the Airport to increase visual amenity.</p> <p>These measures will improve the open space landscape and provide the local community with greater opportunity to enjoy its surrounding natural environment.</p>	3 Sustainability, Corporate Responsibility and Community
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Visitations to the Airport			
25.	What economic benefits and jobs will be generated under Master Plan 2021?	<p>Master Plan 2021 is forecast to increase economic benefit generated by the Airport by \$330 million during the planning period.</p> <p>This means that by 2029, there will be a further 2,550 direct jobs at the Airport available to the local community, bringing the total number to 9,050. This will benefit the local community given that historically the vast majority of the workers at the Airport live within a 20-minute drive.</p>	2 Economics and Employment
26.	How does Master Plan 2021 address existing motor vehicle traffic at and around the Airport?	<p>Moorabbin Airport obtained an expert traffic technical assessment for the purposes of preparing the Ground Transport Plan in Master Plan 2021. The results of that assessment show that the roads at and around the Airport are not currently exceeding their capacity for vehicle traffic.</p> <p>Of course Moorabbin Airport will continue to monitor the road network at and around the Airport and will continue to identify efficiencies and opportunities to improve access.</p>	9 Ground Transport Plan
27.	Are improvements to the public network planned under Master Plan 2021?	<p>Yes. Under Master Plan 2021, Moorabbin Airport will work with the Victorian Department of Transport to obtain a direct bus services to the western side of the Airport.</p>	9 Ground Transport Plan
28.	Will a station for the Suburban Rail Loop be located at the Airport?	<p>Master Plan 2021 has been developed to allow for the possibility of a rail station. Ultimately this will be a decision by the Victorian Government who is responsible for the project.</p>	8 Non-Aviation Development Plan
29.	Does Master Plan 2021 plan to increase ground freight transport at the Airport?	<p>Current ground freight services at the Airport will continue under Master Plan 2021. Master Plan 2021 acknowledges that the Airport is well placed to expand freight-generating land uses. However, increases in freight activities will depend on demand for these services.</p>	9 Ground Transport Plan
30.	How is car parking managed under Master Plan 2021?	<p>As part of its development approval process, Moorabbin Airport will continue to require that there is adequate car-parking for visiting customers – noting that current requirements seek a balance between convenient car parking and avoiding an oversupply of unproductive carparks.</p>	9 Ground Transport Plan

Planning			
31.	Do the Victorian Planning Provisions and Kingston Planning Scheme apply to the Airport?	<p>No. The Airport is a Commonwealth site and governed by Commonwealth Airport specific planning laws, which adopts the current Master Plan for the Airport.</p> <p>While the Victorian Planning Provisions and the Kingston Planning Scheme do not apply to the Airport, Master Plan 2021 seeks to be consistent with these policies as much as possible.</p>	5 Planning Framework & Context
32.	What is the Land Use Plan? How will it guide development decisions at the Airport?	<p>The Land Use Plan in Master Plan 2021 establishes precincts and the necessary policies, guidelines and procedures for land use and development decisions at the Airport.</p> <p>Each precinct has an associated "zone" which is set out in Appendix 1. It is these "zones" which provide for what kinds of activities and uses can and cannot be undertaken at different areas of the Airport.</p>	6 Land Use Plan
33.	What are the precincts at the Airport and what is each precinct used for?	<p>The Precinct Policy provides the permitted and prohibited land uses in different parts of the Airport in order to facilitate safe and efficient aviation functions and productive use of the land.</p> <p>Master Plan 2021 splits the Airport into the following 5 precincts (noting this has been reduced from 7 precincts in Master Plan 2015 to prevent duplication and simplify):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airfield – land required for airside activities; • Aviation – land dedicated for use by the aviation industry; • Industrial – land primarily dedicated to industrial and office activities; • Retail – land primarily dedicated to retail and commercial activities; and • Airport Infrastructure – land dedicated for Airport infrastructure such as water management and earth storage. 	6 Land Use Plan

34.	<p>Is further development permitted under Master Plan 2021?</p>	<p>Yes. As noted above, development must only be carried out in compliance with safety and land planning requirements set out in the Master Plan and relevant regulations.</p> <p>Master Plan 2021 remains consistent with the previous four Master Plans in relation to those areas of the Airport which may be further developed.</p> <p>Any future development of the Airport will only take place where that development is consistent with the overarching planning objectives for the Airport.</p>	<p>8 Non-Aviation Development Plan</p>
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