

1 Introduction



1.1 Welcome to the Perth Airport Master Plan 2026



Perth Airport is **Australia's Western Hub**, connecting Western Australia to the rest of the nation and the world. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is a vital public transport infrastructure facility.

Perth's metropolitan community is inextricably linked to Perth Airport. The relative isolation of Perth as an Australian capital city, and the vast distances between major population centres, make air travel and Perth Airport indispensable to the people of Western Australia and to the state's economic, social and cultural development.

As the fourth-largest domestic and international airport in Australia by passenger volume, Perth Airport is currently serviced by more than 30 international, intrastate and interstate airlines that operate to 114 destinations.

The Perth Airport Master Plan 2026 outlines the vision for the development of Perth Airport over the next 20 years.

Western Australia's aviation sector is soaring, with Perth Airport recording its highest ever annual passenger numbers in FY25, breaking the 17-million passenger mark for the first time.

To provide the capacity for the growing population and aviation sector, Perth Airport has committed to a multi-billion-dollar investment in new infrastructure projects that will deliver one airport for the people of Western Australia and host all flight services in a central location, giving passengers a seamless, world-class travel experience.

The operation and future development of Perth Airport is guided by extensive stakeholder and community consultation. A key part of this engagement is a 60-business day public comment period for each new airport master plan. Written public comment submissions for Master Plan 2026 can be made via www.perthairport.com.au/masterplan or sent to the address below by close of business on Tuesday 23 December 2025.

Master Plan 2026
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Cloverdale WA 6985



1.2 Purpose of the Master Plan

Perth Airport is located on land owned by the Commonwealth of Australia and is operated in accordance with the requirements of the *Airports Act 1996* (Airports Act). Under the Airports Act, every five years Perth Airport must prepare a new master plan that:

- establishes the strategic direction for efficient and economic development at the airport over the planning period of the master plan
- provides for the development of additional uses of the airport site
- indicates to the public the intended uses of the airport site
- reduces potential conflicts between uses of the airport site, and to ensure that uses of the airport site are compatible with the areas surrounding the airport
- ensures that all operations at the airport are undertaken in accordance with relevant environmental legislation and standards
- establishes a framework for assessing compliance at the airport with relevant environmental legislation and standards, and
- promotes the continual improvement of environmental management at the airport

As part of the master plan process, Perth Airport is required to undertake a 60-business day public comment period where a preliminary draft version of the master plan is made available to stakeholders and the community. Public comments and feedback must be considered before the subsequent draft master plan is submitted to the Federal Minister for Infrastructure for their consideration. Once the draft master plan has been approved by the Minister it becomes the final master plan. All developments at Perth Airport must be consistent with the final master plan.

Master Plan 2026 is the sixth master plan prepared for Perth Airport since the privatisation of the airport in 1997. Once approved by the Minister, this Master Plan 2026 will replace Master Plan 2020.

1.3 Structure of the Master Plan

Master Plan 2026 presents the plans for the operation and development of Perth Airport for the next 20 years. It is presented in four parts.

Structure of the Master Plan

Part A



About Perth Airport

Section 1 — Introduction

Introduces the Master Plan 2026, the regulatory context and purpose of the Master Plan

Section 2 — Perth Airport Today

Describes the history and development of Perth Airport

Section 3 — Significance of Perth Airport

Details the economic and social importance of Perth Airport to the community and businesses in Western Australia.

Part B



How Perth Airport is Planned

Section 4 — Planning Context

Describes how Perth Airport is planned

Section 5 — Development Approach

Sets out the vision and approach for the development of Perth Airport

Section 6 — Aviation Forecasts

Provides the forecasts for aviation growth for the next 20 years

Section 7 — Sustainability and Social Value

Describes the framework that guides the sustainable operation and development of the Perth Airport estate

Section 8 — Connection to Country

Outlines Perth Airport's management of Aboriginal cultural heritage

Part C



Environment Strategy

Section 9 — Environmental Management

Outlines Perth Airport's environmental management framework and systems

Section 10 — Climate Change and Resource Use

Sets out Perth Airport's approach to climate change and resource use management and outlines a five-year action plan

Section 11 — Land, Air and Biodiversity

Sets out Perth Airport's approach to environmental management and outlines a five-year action plan

Part D



The Future Plan for Perth Airport

Section 12 — Land Use Plan

Details the land use plan for the Perth Airport estate

Section 13 — Aviation Development Plan

Describes the proposed aviation developments to support the forecast aviation growth

Section 14 — Non-Aviation Development Plan

Outlines the proposed non-aviation development for the Perth Airport estate

Section 15 — Ground Transport Plan

Sets out the ground transport infrastructure needed to support future plans for Perth Airport

Section 16 — Airport Safeguarding

Describes the measures to safeguard the current and future aircraft operations at Perth Airport

Section 17 — Utilities Development Plan

Details the service infrastructure required to support the future development and growth of Perth Airport