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**RAAF TOWNSVILLE/TOWNSVILLE INTL  
AERODROME (YBTL)  
REDUCED OPERATING HOURS****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 From 3 February 2024 until the end of September 2024, RAAF Townsville/Townsville INTL Aerodrome (YBTL) ATC will be operating reduced hours. RAAF Townsville ATC will only be operating MON-FRI as per ERSA hours 2000 – 1200 UTC and will not be operating on Weekends.
- 1.2 On weekends and outside of ERSA hours, CTAF procedures will apply at Townsville (YBTL). Surrounding Class A, C, E and G airspace will be managed by Airservices Brisbane Centre (BN CEN). Aircraft operating within 36NM YBTL at 8,500FT and below will be in BN CEN Class G airspace and aircraft will receive Class G services.
- 1.3 During periods where YBTL ATC would normally be operating, a reduced capacity NOTAM will be issued to manage the additional workload for BN CEN.

**2. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Traffic into Townsville and surrounding areas may be subject to traffic management and may experience delays for airways clearance.
- 2.2 YBTL SID and STAR may be available subject to workload and traffic management, clearances may be delayed until after radar identification. Pilots requesting SID or STAR clearance, must nominate a runway.
- 2.3 BN CEN are not able to issue clearances for instrument approaches.

- 2.4 BN CEN are not able provide actual wind information or aerodrome QNH for YBTL. Area QNH and forecast meteorological information remains available in line with standard FIS provisions.

### **3. CANCELLATION**

- 3.1 This AIC is expected to be cancelled in September 2024.

### **4. DISTRIBUTION**

- 4.1 Airservices Australia website only.