

TRANSFER OF CONTROL RESPONSIBILITY OF SURVEILLED CLASS C AIRSPACE FROM TOWER TO ENROUTE AT LAUNCESTON

Airservices is implementing changes to the surveillance services for arrivals and departures provided at Launceston to utilise existing surveillance capability and ensure national consistency across Australia.

Coming into effect in May 2019, aircraft operating at the Launceston aerodrome will receive a service from both the Air Traffic Control Tower and the Melbourne Air Traffic Services Centre (ATSC). This change is a key element of a five year Airspace Modernisation Program designed to drive key service outcomes that benefit the aviation industry and contribute to our commitment of fostering and promoting civil aviation.

Launceston Tower will provide separation services from the surface to 4,500ft (A045). Services from A045 to 8,500ft (A085) will be provided by an en route controller, rather than the tower.

The proposed change will only affect the controlling unit's area of responsibility. There will be no change to the lower level, upper level or class of airspace.

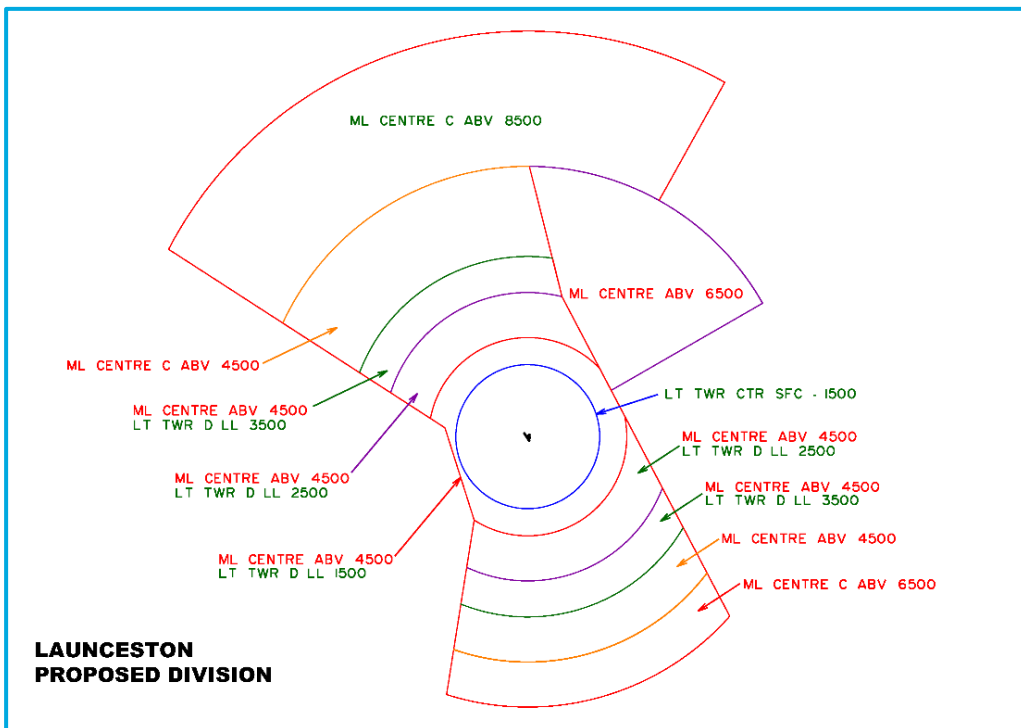
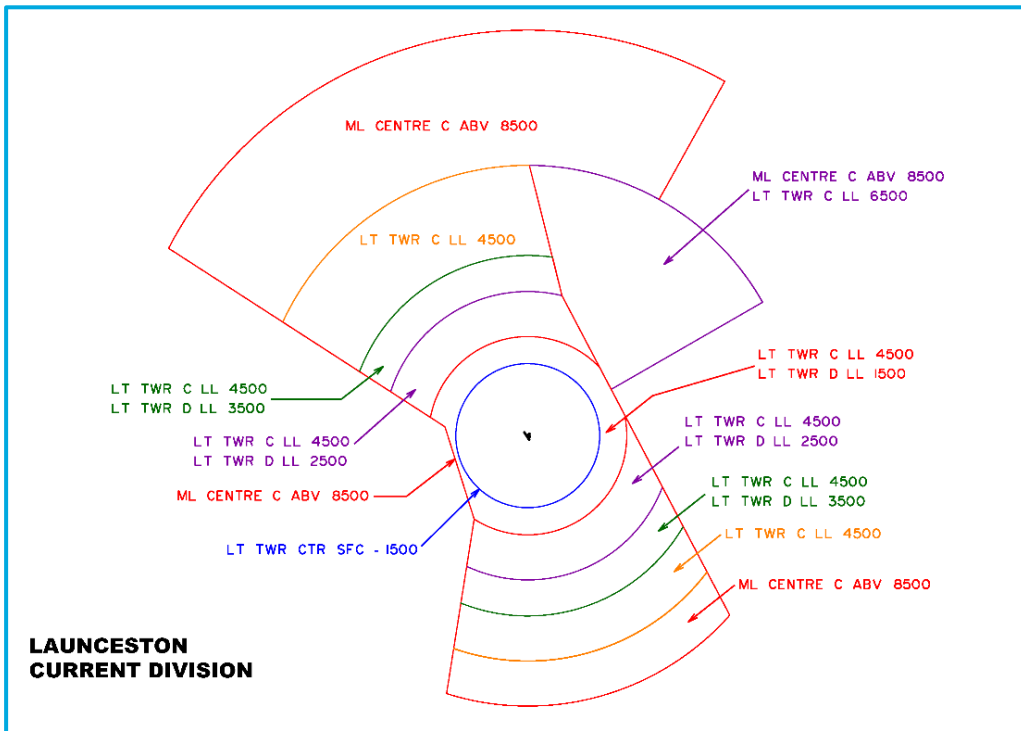
BENEFITS

This proposed change will deliver a number of key benefits to airspace users:

- Enhancement of separation services by replacing volumes of airspace managed by a procedural tower with airspace managed by enroute surveillance.
- Removes some variations of regional Class D aerodrome airspace management.
- Provides standardisation and consistency across Australia.
- Transfers control of the airspace from tower to enroute surveillance, enhancing surveillance and safety to users.

OVERVIEW OF THE CHANGES

The current and proposed airspace architecture are provided overleaf.



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