

GOLD COAST AIRPORT FLIGHT PATH CHANGE PROPOSAL SMART TRACKING RUNWAY 32 - UPDATE

Summary of Community Feedback

Airservices consulted the community about a proposal to implement a flight path change for the current Smart Tracking flight path for Runway 32 at Gold Coast Airport. Consultation occurred between 19 October 2018 and 29 November 2018.

The details of the proposed change are provided on our website:
<http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/projects/flight-path-changes/>

The purpose of this update is to provide a summary of the community consultation activities, feedback we received regarding the proposed change, and to demonstrate how the feedback has been considered.

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Website Update

A fact sheet describing the proposal was released on the Airservices website on 19 October 2018 and provided to community members currently registered with Airservices Noise Complaints and Information Service (NCIS).

Newspaper notification

A public notice was placed in the Tweed Daily News, including a link to information on the Airservices website, on Saturday 20 October 2018.

Communication with Councils

Airservices sent correspondence on 19 October 2018 to local Members of Parliament and the Tweed Shire Council advising of the proposed change.

Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) and Airport Noise Abatement Consultative Committee (ANACC)

Airservices provided updates about the proposal to both the Gold Coast CACG and ANACC over a two-year period. A final update was provided at the ANACC meeting of 25 October 2018 and the CACG meeting of 7 November 2018.

CONSIDERATION OF FEEDBACK

A total of ten (10) residents from Fingal Head, Tweed Heads South and Kingscliff provided feedback on the proposal.

Six (6) residents supported the change. Two (2) residents raised concerns about the quality of information provided about the proposal, and two (2) raised concerns about the consultation process. Airservices believes the information about the proposed change was provided transparently and with sufficient time for community feedback to be provided.

Specific feedback regarding the type of information Airservices should provide for community consultation and the methods of providing feedback will be considered as part of our commitment to improving community consultation.

Airservices acknowledges that the title of the change could more clearly identify that this was a proposed flight path change, as Smart Tracking may not be familiar terminology.

One (1) resident believed they would be significantly affected by an increase in noise as a result of the proposal. While residents in Chinderah Bay may experience increased aircraft noise levels as a result of the change, Fingal Head, Tweed Heads South and Kingscliff are not expected to experience an increase.

Other feedback included concerns about the effect of the proposed change on wildlife, the proposed flight path being wider than the

existing flight path, and that the relationship between the proposed flight path and Noise Abatement Procedures (NAPs).

The proposed Smart Tracking flight path will be a similar width to the existing Smart Tracking flight path and moving the offset Smart Tracking flight path does not change the NAPs.

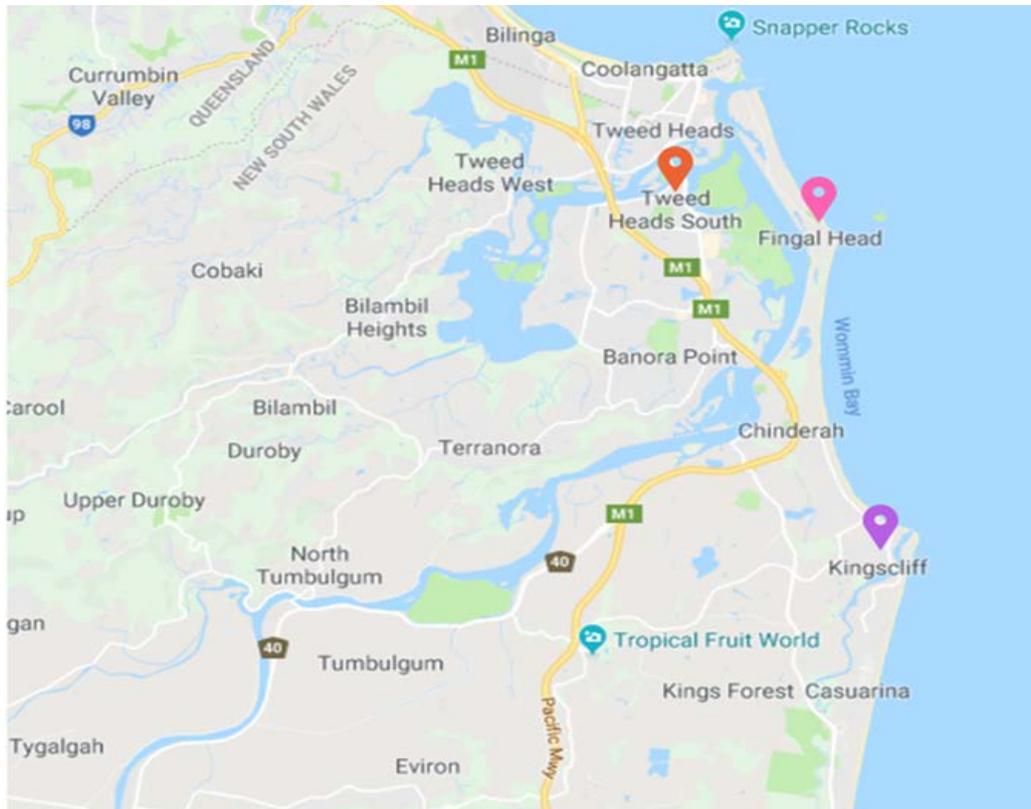
The flight paths may be used by domestic and international aircraft.

NEXT STEPS

Airservices has considered the feedback from residents. As there were no recommendations for flight path or airspace improvement actions identified in the feedback, the proposal will proceed to implementation.

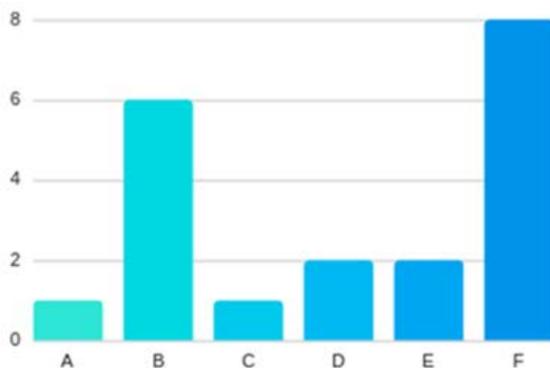
Airservices values all feedback received and thanks residents for taking the time to submit their views.

SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD



Tweed Heads South Fingal Head Kingscliff

A summary of the feedback themes is provided below:



- A Request for further information
- B Supported the change
- C Opposed the change
- D Concerns about the quality of information provided about the proposal
- E Concerns about the consultation process
- F Other