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PHRASEOLOGY FOR USE DURING TEMPORARILY REDUCED RUNWAY LENGTH OPERATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This AIC cancels and replaces AIC H09/26 with an update to the link in para 4.1.
- 1.2 Runways require regular maintenance, and under some circumstances, an aerodrome operator may require the operational length of the runway to be reduced so runway maintenance can occur while keeping the runway available for landing and take-off. Runway lengths may also be temporarily reduced due to OLS obstructions.
- 1.3 A number of runway excursion events due to reduced runway length have occurred in Australia which requires a pro-active approach to manage this risk.

2. FLIGHT CREW NOTIFICATION

- 2.1 Thorough pre-flight preparation is essential to safe runway operations.
- 2.2 Aerodrome works or temporary OLS obstructions may trigger temporary changes to declared runway distances. Check NOTAM and AIP SUP information for any amendments to published ERSA and DAP content relating to the aerodrome. This may include serviceability of runway entry and exit points, and reduced runway declared distances.
- 2.3 When reduced runway lengths are in operation, the amended distances will be published by NOTAM. Additionally, for aerodrome works of prolonged duration, the aerodrome operator may publish an AIP SUP.

3. ADVICE BY ATC

3.1 The following procedures have been promulgated in the Aeronautical Information Publication Australia Amendment No 126, effective 19 March 2026.

3.2 As a final reminder when reduced runway distances are in operation, ATC will provide advice via ATIS:

‘REDUCED RUNWAY LENGTH(S) IN OPERATION [RUNWAY (*number*)], SEE NOTAM (*number*)’

3.3 And, at the relevant stage of flight:

a) Directed advice with the last taxi clearance to the holding point for the departure runway when aerodrome works or OLS obstructions create a temporary reduction in TORA from the departure holding point:

‘TAXI TO HOLDING POINT (*taxiway identifier*), REDUCED TORA RUNWAY (*number*)’

b) Directed advice on tower frequency prior to the landing clearance being issued when:

- aerodrome works or OLS obstructions create a temporarily displaced landing threshold:

‘THRESHOLD [RUNWAY (*number*)] DISPLACED’

Or

- Landing Distance Available (LDA) is reduced at the upwind end of the runway:

‘REDUCED LANDING DISTANCE [RUNWAY (*number*)]’

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4.1 Additional information on runway safety can be found in the runway safety information on [Airservices website](#):

airservicesaustralia.com/industry-info/pilot-tools/pilot-and-airside-safety/runway-safety/

5. CANCELLATION

5.1 This AIC self-cancels at 202606191600 UTC.

6. DISTRIBUTION

6.1 Airservices Australia website only.