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# **BALLINA/BYRON GATEWAY AERODROME (YBNA) CONTROL TOWER AND CLASS D AIRSPACE IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 On 09 July 2026, the new Ballina/Byron Gateway Aerodrome Air Traffic Control Tower service and associated Class D airspace changes will come into effect. These services will replace the existing SFIS.

## **2. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

- 2.1 At the commencement of operations, not all planned technology will be fully implemented in the Control Tower. As a result, the following controls will be in place which may result in some minor delays within the Ballina CTR.
- 2.2 There will be a minimum of 10 minutes between arriving IFR aircraft. Aircraft subject to priority or emergency are exempt from this delay.
- 2.3 There will be a 10 minute holding fuel advisory for IFR aircraft.
- 2.4 Airservices Australia will have additional staff available to ensure a safe transition to the new control service at Ballina and ensure any delays are kept to a minimum.
- 2.5 ATIS will have limited range. For flights receiving a STAR, ATIS can be obtained through HF 6610 or 8831, or through company. In the event other inbound flights are unable to receive ATIS, contact Ballina Tower on 124.2.

- 2.6 In the event Control Tower Services become unavailable, Class D and Class C airspace will remain active during published hours. Ballina Approach will manage this airspace. Section 3 provides an overview of the contingency procedures.
- 2.7 Pilots are reminded that the RWY24 NDB Approach is partially contained in uncontrolled airspace and that they will leave and re-enter controlled airspace during the approach.
- 2.8 The Ballina NDB will remain pilot monitored.

### **3. CONTINGENCY OVERVIEW**

- 3.1 In the event that Aerodrome Control Services will not be available, Class D airspace will remain active.
- 3.2 Prior to entering the manoeuvring area pilots must obtain a briefing on contingency procedures from Airservices on the NOTAM advised number or on first contact. Pilots must obtain a landing or departure time.
- 3.3 Aircraft must contact Ballina Approach on 118.35 for airways clearances.
- 3.4 Departing aircraft will contact Ballina Approach for departure instructions prior to entering the runway and must report airborne within 3 minutes. Pilots will not be issued a take-off instruction.
- 3.5 Arriving aircraft must report clear of the runway on 118.35. Pilots will not be issued a landing clearance.
- 3.6 Pilots in command are solely responsible for their own collision avoidance on the movement area.

### **4. CANCELLATION**

- 4.1 This SUP will be cancelled once all planned technology is implemented in the Ballina Control Tower.

### **5. DISTRIBUTION**

- 5.1 Airservices Australia website only.