

Short Term Monitoring Program

Fingal Head, NSW

Version Control

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Section	Summary

Glossary of Terms

A	Arrivals
Background noise level (L90)	The sound level in dB(A) that is exceeded 90% of the time
Correlated Noise Event (CNE)	A noise event correlated to an aircraft operation that flew through the capture zone
Correlation Summary	Percentage of captured aircraft operations correlated with noise events recorded by the noise monitor
D	Departures
Day	6:00am to 11:00pm
H	Helicopters
LAm _{ax}	Maximum sound level in dB(A)
Local	Operation that departs and arrives at the same airport. Local movements include circuits and training flights.
Movement	An aircraft operation, such as an arrival or departure
Night	11:00 pm to 6:00 am
NFPMS	Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System
Noise Event	A noise that exceeds the threshold sound level for longer than the threshold time that is set
NMT	Noise Monitoring Terminal
O	Overflight i.e. an aircraft movement that flew over the area but did not arrive or depart from the airport of concern
T	Local Operation (Departure and Arrival)
Threshold	Determined level on noise monitor that triggers a noise event when exceeded

For further information on the metrics used in this report refer to Australian Standard 1055.1–1997 “Acoustics – Description and measurement of environmental noise”.

Airservices Noise Monitoring Program

Information about Airservices noise monitoring program is available on the Airservices website, including reports of the noise and operational data collected by the Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System, as well as fact sheets about topics related to aircraft noise. The website is available at: www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/

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Deployment Purpose

Short term noise monitoring was conducted at Fingal Head following recommendations made by the community.

The purpose of this report is to provide a technical summary of the recorded aircraft noise and operational data collected at Fingal Head between September 2013 and March 2014.

An explanation of terms used within this report can be found in the Glossary on page 2 of the report.

Deployment Monitoring Period

02/09/2013 12:00 am – 03/03/2014 12:00 am

Noise Monitoring Terminal (NMT) Details

Location	Private Residence, Bamberry Street, Fingal Head, NSW 2487
Latitude	28° 12' 8.22" S
Longitude	153° 33' 59.35"E
NMT Altitude	82 ft above mean sea level
Capture Zone	2.5 km radius with 8,000 ft (above ground level) height for noise data capture
Threshold Settings	57.0 dB(A) to 59.0 dB(A) depending on time of day

Fingal Head Findings

- For more information please refer to Figure 1, Figure 2 and Table 1 on page 4.
- The noise monitor was located in Fingal Head 7 km to the south east of Gold Coast airport.
- 3,754 movements flew through the capture zone during the reporting period. 3,285 of these were Gold Coast operations.
- 26% of total operations that flew through the capture zone (as shown in figure 2) were Gold Coast Runway 14 Departures.
- 1,336 correlated noise events exceeded 65 dB(A), 5 of these occurred during the hours of night.
- The number of correlated noise events exceeding 65 dB(A) in any one day ranged from none to 26.
- Residents of Fingal Head experienced 353 correlated noise events that exceed 75 dB(A) during the reporting period.
- The loudest correlated aircraft noise event with a max level of 84.2 dB(A) was a Runway 14 Airbus A330-200 departure.
- The correlation summary for all movements was 45%, and the correlation summary for Runway 14 Departures was 93%.

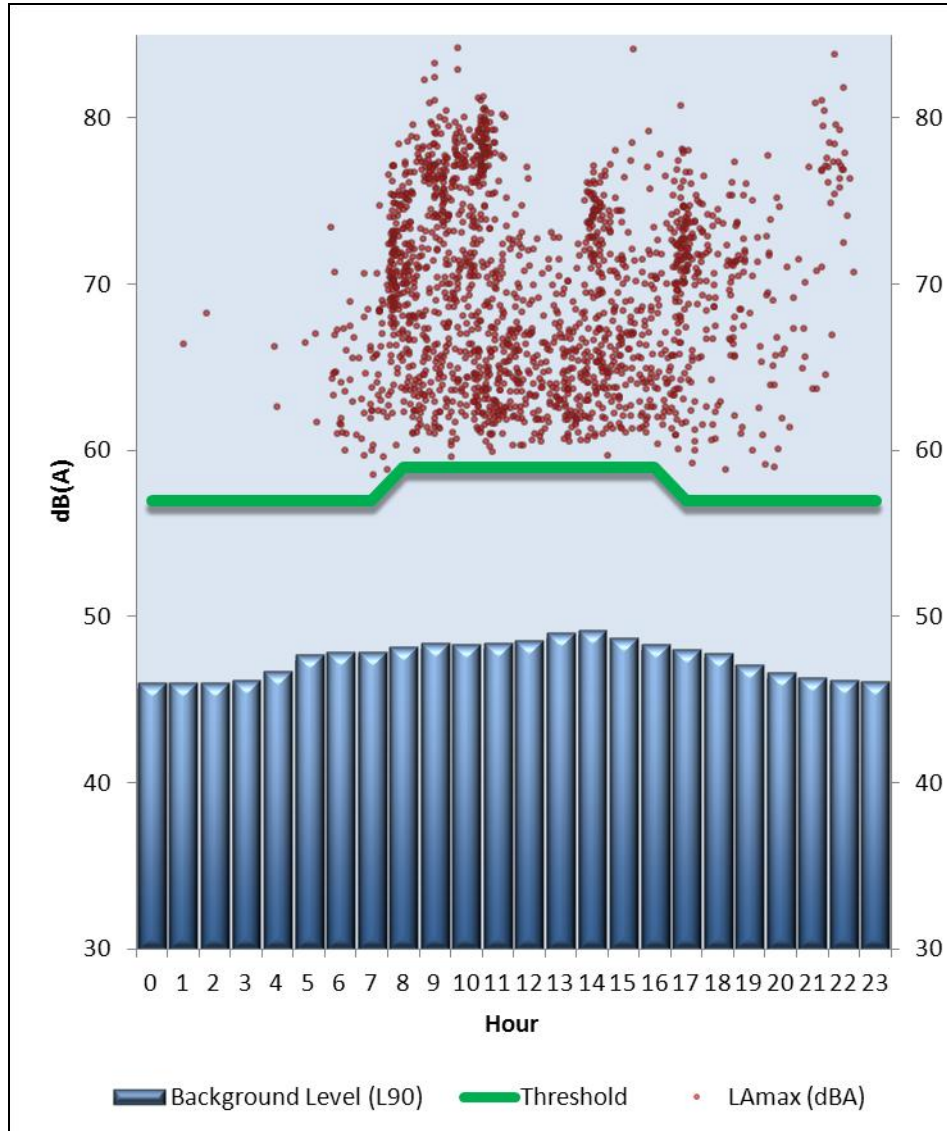


FIGURE 1: FINGAL HEAD NOISE SUMMARY
02/09/2013 12:00AM – 03/03/2014 12:00AM

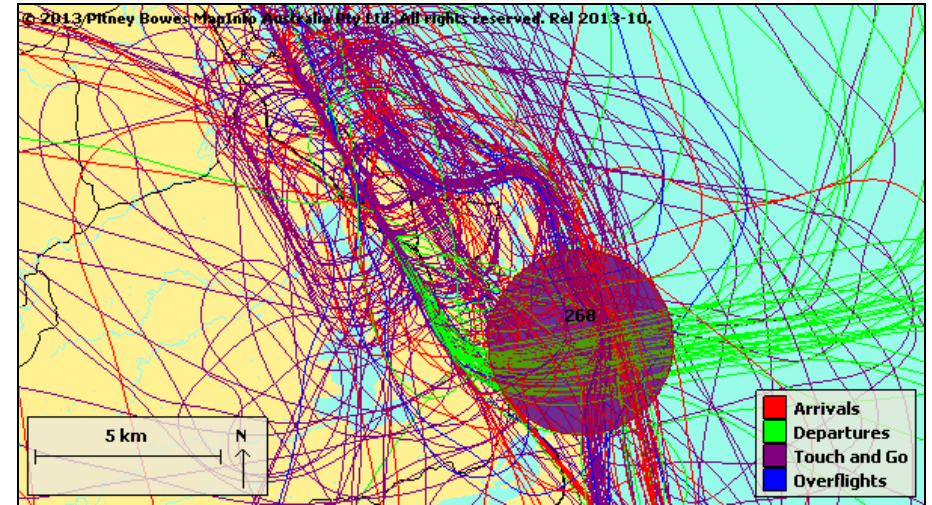


FIGURE 2: INDICATIVE TRACK PLOT OF OPERATIONS THAT TRAVERSED FINGAL HEAD
(13/11/2013 12:00AM – 20/11/2013 12:00AM)

TABLE 1: TOP 10 MOST CORRELATED AIRCRAFT TYPES OVER THE FINGAL HEAD NOISE MONITORING TERMINAL

Aircraft Type	Airport	Operation Type	RWY	No. Correlated Noise Events	LMax dB(A)	
					Average	Maximum
Airbus A320 (J)	Gold Coast	D	14	418	72.0	79.6
Robinson R44 (H)	Gold Coast	T	H	189	65.2	79.2
Airbus A330-200 (J)	Gold Coast	D	14	125	78.0	84.2
Boeing 737-800 (J)	Gold Coast	D	14	108	73.2	77.2
Piper PA31 (P)	Gold Coast	T	32	99	64.8	74.0
Airbus A330-300 (J)	Gold Coast	D	14	90	77.2	83.8
Boeing 777-200 (J)	Gold Coast	D	14	74	74.2	80.4
Cessna C172 (P)	Gold Coast	T	14	42	63.8	73.2
Learjet 45 (J)	Gold Coast	D	14	20	65.4	72.8
Cessna C172 (P)	Gold Coast	T	32	18	68.1	76.1

Aircraft Category: Jet (J), Turboprop (T), Propeller (P), Helicopter (H), Unknown (U)
Operation Type: Arrival (A), Departure (D), Local Operation (T), Overflight (O)