



Air Force Aircraft Noise Management

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1. Minimise the impact of aircraft noise on local communities

- Actively investigate and implement innovative noise mitigation strategies
- Meet the requirements of noise abatement procedures and fly neighbourly policies
- Maintain a database of noise sensitive areas
- Consider aircraft, engine and facility design to minimise noise
- Raise awareness of military aircraft noise management initiatives

2. Continue proactive community engagement and consultation

- Continue effective community consultation and collaboration at aircraft noise affected airfields and air weapons ranges
- Maintain and improve the Defence Aircraft Noise website



- Identify and implement public multimedia communication
- Ensure communities are advised of non-routine flying activities

3. Manage noise complaints effectively

- Manage noise complaints to provide an appropriate and timely response
- Provide adequate training and instruction to staff who manage aircraft noise complaints
- Share information about exercises and non-routine flying activities with the Airservices Australia National Complaint and Information Service
- Continue participation in the Government Aviation Complaint Handling Forum
- Work closely with the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman



4. Minimise urban encroachment on Air Force airfields and training areas

- Work closely with Estate & Infrastructure Group and state and local planning authorities to ensure property development accords with AS 2021-2015
- Work closely with Estate & Infrastructure Group to produce Australian Noise Exposure Forecasts
- Promote disclosure of aircraft noise exposure information for real estate transactions
- Effectively promote the noise effects of urban encroachment around Air Force bases and training areas

5. Conduct responsible environmental planning

- Work closely with the Estate & Infrastructure Group and Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group in the development and review of Environmental Impact Statements and Public Environment Reports
- Comply with Environment Impact Statements and Public Environment Report Conditions of Consent



- Produce aircraft noise management plans for designated aircraft
- Maintain noise and flight path monitoring systems at designated airfields and air weapons ranges to verify the accuracy of noise management plans
- Produce routine Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System reports for designated airfields

6. Integrate a comprehensive noise management system into Air Force activities

- Issue orders and instructions that support best practice noise management throughout the Air Force
- Raise awareness of Air Force personnel through education, training and ready access to information
- Conduct a biennial evaluation of the noise management system

For more information visit

www.defence.gov.au/aircraftnoise

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Defence has an honest and open approach about the noise experienced by residents living near Air Force bases and training areas. Although aircraft noise will never be eliminated, we are working with communities to reduce noise impacts whilst balancing operational and training requirements.

Air Force must meet its environmental obligations and act in the public interest through transparent community engagement.