

AIRPORT ENVIRONS OVERLAY CODE

MAJOR AMENDMENT 2025 - TOWNSVILLE CITY PLAN



What is the Airport Environs Overlay Code?

The Airport Environs Overlay Code is an overlay code that seeks to ensure the safe and efficient operations of the airport and RAAF base.

Key Changes

Major Amendment 2025 includes changes to the Airport Environs Overlay Code. These changes ensure alignment with the State Planning Policy, State Interest: Strategic Airports and Aviation Facilities.

Key changes to the Airport Environs Overlay Code include:

1. Updated references to superseded legislation.
2. Addition of an Acceptable Outcome restricting cranes and other construction equipment from intruding into operational airspace.
3. Inclusion of examples of transient intrusions (e.g. hang gliding).
4. Redrafting of the wildlife hazard buffer zone requirements, which seek to discourage development that may attract wildlife within proximity of the airport, creating a wildlife strike hazard for aircraft. An additional table has been added to provide clarity as to the risk level associated with development types.
5. Redrafting of the protection of aviation facilities provisions particularly related to building restricted areas.
6. Updates to the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) contour provisions including identification of uses not supported within specific (ANEF) contours.
7. The addition of noise attenuation requirements for particular uses within the ANEF contours.