

Rural And Regional Affairs And Transport

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

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Division/Agency Name: Civil Aviation Safety Authority

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Topic: CASA – Brisbane Airport - Routes covered under Airspace Change Proposals

Senator Larissa Waters asked:

The Aircraft Noise Ombudsman has stated that Airspace Change Proposals (ACPs) required to implement the new flight paths were approved by CASA on 31 October 2018 and 26 August 2019, however the approval did not cover all existing routes. Is this correct? Please provide details of CASA's final analysis and recommendations regarding the 2018 and 2019 ACP approvals, including any changes or conditions imposed.

Answer:

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) approved the initial Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) on 29 October 2018. Airservices Australia provided additional information on waypoint and air routes names, which CASA approved on 26 August 2019.

Existing air routes within Brisbane airspace that were not changing in association with the commencement of the new parallel runway were not included in the approval.

When reviewing ACPs, CASA considers several components, including:

- airspace classification
- instrument flight procedure containment
- air routes
- aviation specific consultation and any potential effect on visual flight rules operations in the Brisbane basin area, as a result of the new parallel runway
- air traffic control sectors
- class E airspace frequency boundaries, and
- flight information areas.

CASA did not impose any conditions with either ACP approval.