

Question on notice no. 73

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2022-23 Budget estimates

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development and Communications Portfolio**

Senator Larissa Waters: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 14 April 2022

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Who did CASA consult? When?

What noise minimisation was factored into these consultations as required by the Civil Aviation Act 1988, s9A

(2) and the

Australian Airspace Policy Statement? What were the outcomes of these consultations?

Answer —

Answer attached.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Committee Question Number: 73

Departmental Question Number: SQ22-000442

Division/Agency Name: Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Hansard Reference: Written (14 April 2022)

Topic: CASA - Airspace Change Proposal stakeholder consultation

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- Who did CASA consult? When?
- What noise minimisation was factored into these consultations as required by the Civil Aviation Act 1988, s9A(2) and the Australian Airspace Policy Statement? What were the outcomes of these consultations?

Answer:

In response to Committee Question Number 120 (see **Attachment A**), the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) provided a list of eight Airspace Change Proposals (ACPs) received by CASA since 1 January 2019 relating to Brisbane Airport airspace. CASA provided further information about the consultation process for these specific ACPs in Committee Question Number 121 (see **Attachment B**).

29 October 2018 (ACP045-18 - OP18/278)

CASA did not conduct its own consultation on this ACP, as Airservices Australia (Airservices) undertook consultation with airspace users and the community. CASA was satisfied with the documentation Airservices provided to demonstrate adequate consultation was undertaken.

The CASA Environmental Specialist reviewed documents including the Airservices produced Environmental Assessments, the 2007 EIS/MDP and the above consultation. CASA concluded the obligations of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988 s9A(2)* had been satisfied and no changes were made as a result. CASA did not explicitly consult about aircraft noise. The Australian Airspace Policy Statement 2018 did not require consideration of noise minimisation.

26 August 2019 (amendment to ACP045-18 - OP18/278)

CASA did not conduct its own consultation for the amendment of ACP045-18, approved on 26 August 2019, as Airservices undertook consultation with airspace users and the community. CASA was satisfied with the documentation Airservices provided to demonstrate adequate consultation was undertaken. During Airservices' Stakeholder Engagement Program, CASA requested that Airservices conduct further consultation with specific airspace user groups.

The CASA Environmental Specialist reviewed documents including the Airservices produced Environmental Assessments, the 2007 EIS/MDP and the above consultation. CASA concluded the obligations of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988 s9A(2)* had been satisfied and no changes were made as a result. CASA did not explicitly consult about aircraft noise. The Australian Airspace Policy Statement 2018 did not require consideration of noise minimisation.

24 October 2019 (ACP047-19 - OP19/273)

As this ACP included editorial changes only, consultation was limited to CASA, Airservices and Defence. The only change associated with Brisbane was a name change for a waypoint to comply with an ICAO obligation. The location, nature, function, and use of the waypoint were not changed.

CASA determined that the above editorial change of name did not require further environmental assessment and did not consult on noise minimisation.

4 December 2020 (ACP065-20 - OP20/325)

On 13 November 2020, CASA wrote to nearby airspace users: Archerfield Airport, Redcliff Aeroclub, Moreton Bay Council, Basair, and Pathfinder Aviation, seeking their feedback on the Aviation State Engagement Forum (AvSEF) consultation and inviting comment. No responses were received. CASA also conducted consultation with airspace users through the AvSEF between 17 and 25 November 2020. Two responses were received. One was a question which was answered, and the other was an indication of no objection.

CASA determined that the above minor corrections to two existing Danger Areas were required to reduce the likelihood infringements of controlled airspace. As the changes were directly related to ACP045-18, and should have been included in that ACP, CASA relied on its previous assessment. CASA did not explicitly consult about aircraft noise in this instance.

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Committee Question Number: 120

Departmental Question Number: SQ22-000264

Division/Agency Name: Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Hansard Reference: Written (24 February 2022)

Topic: CASA – Brisbane Airport - List of Airspace Change Proposals received by CASA

Senator Larissa Waters asked:

Please provide a list of all ACPs received by CASA since 2019 relating to Brisbane Airport's airspace, including file number, date received, name of submitting entity, overall objective, CASA outcome (approved / rejected), and the date the outcome was advised to the proponent.

Answer:

Please see table below containing all Airspace Change Proposals (ACP) received by CASA since 1 January 2019 relating to Brisbane Airport airspace.

ACP Ref	File Number	Date Received	Name of Submitting Entity	Overall Objective	CASA outcome	Date Proponent advised of outcome
021-19	OP19/67	28/02/2019	Airservices Australia	Change Brisbane's control zone to allow helicopters unimpeded access to and from hospitals in the Brisbane CBD	Approved	3/05/2019
031-19	OP19/126	27/04/2019	Airservices Australia	Emergency temporary restricted area due to Traffic Information Broadcasts by Aircraft (TIBA) contingency plans at Fraser Group	Approved	27/04/2019
047-19	OP19/273	21/10/2019	Airservices Australia	Instrument Flight Rules Waypoint Change to fix occurrences of aircraft flying in an incorrect holding pattern direction for inbound aircraft to Brisbane	Approved	24/10/2019

ACP Ref	File Number	Date Received	Name of Submitting Entity	Overall Objective	CASA outcome	Date Proponent advised of outcome
065-20	OP20/325	12/11/2020	Airservices Australia	Amend the boundaries and upper levels of D672 (YBAF training) and D629ABC (YCAB training) to match the base of Class C airspace, correcting oversight associated with the new parallel runway project (also requires D672 to be divided into two areas)	Approved	4/12/2020
050-21	OP21/248	6/08/2021	Dept of Defence	Establish a temporary restricted area to support the RAAF Roulettes at Riverfire event	Event was cancelled 6/9/21	N/A
058-21	OP21/304	19/09/2021	Airservices Australia	Emergency temporary restricted area due to TIBA contingency plans at Fraser Group	Approved	19/09/2021
062-21	OP21/321	30/09/2021	Airservices Australia	Emergency temporary restricted area due to TIBA contingency plans at Fraser Group	Approved	30/09/2021
04-22	OP22/15	10/01/2022	Airservices Australia	Emergency temporary restricted area due to TIBA contingency plans at Fraser Group	Approved	10/01/2022

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Committee Question Number: 121

Departmental Question Number: SQ22-000265

Division/Agency Name: Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Hansard Reference: Written (24 February 2022)

Topic: CASA - Airspace Change Proposal stakeholder consultation

Senator Larissa Waters asked:

- 1) Was CASA satisfied that appropriate stakeholder consultation occurred as part of its assessment of all ACPs? On what basis?
- 2) Did CASA conduct its own consultation or instruct the proponent to conduct additional consultation with regards to these ACPs?

Answer:

- 1) Yes. The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) considered five of the eight Airspace Change Proposals (ACP) were emergency or minor editorial changes that did not require consultation. The three remaining ACPs provided sufficient evidence of consultation.
- 2) Yes, CASA conducted its own consultation on the three ACPs mentioned above in accordance with CASA's standard ACP processes.