Webinar #1 – Noise Sharing Plan for the Melbourne Airport 3rd Runway – Question and Answers

The below questions were asked and answered throughout webinar 1 held on Thursday 23 October.

Questions	Answers
Will the 3 rd runway become the preferred and predominate runway for planes?	The preferred runway configuration will be determined as part of the Noise Sharing Plan . This plan is designed to outline how runway use will be managed to balance operational needs and community considerations.
	Noise Sharing Plan Major Projects Hub Melbourne Airport
Is there any financial support for insulating houses from additional noise?	Under the conditions of the Major Development Plan, Melbourne Airport is required to implement a Noise Amelioration Plan . This program provides information and options for noise mitigation, to people in Hume and Brimbank Local Government Areas.
	The Noise Amelioration Plan is not within scope of the Noise Sharing Plan.
	To find out more about the project visit: Noise Amelioration Plan and Program Major Projects Hub Melbourne Airport
Can you share the "Principles" of noise sharing?	The current public survey asks people for feedback on the principles for the Noise Sharing Plan.
	The draft Noise Sharing Plan will be released in mid-late 2026, incorporating community feedback and outlining these principles.
	To have your say on the principles visit: <u>Survey Major Projects Hub </u> <u>Melbourne Airport</u>
I was under the impression there was a curfew that was detailed as part of the approval – can you detail this?	There is no curfew at Melbourne Airport. It operates 24 hours a day. The curfew and runway configuration are non-negotiable outside the scope for the Noise Sharing Plan.
	What the Noise Sharing Plan can consider is how noise can be managed through runway operating modes and associated flight paths.
Does this mean the East-West runway will be used less when the new runway is built?	One of the conditions for the approval of the third runway was to retain the East–West runway.
	Three operating runways will increase the number of runway operating modes from 8 to 14. This will provide more flexibility to share aircraft movements and associated noise.
	While the East–West runway may be used slightly less, it will remain an important part of operations at Melbourne Airport.
Proposed runway operating modes 03, 04, 34 and 16 will introduce new flights over Keilor Village. How will you reduce noise over Keilor Village? What is the percentage of use?	Keilor Village will experience new aircraft flight paths when the third runway is operational, particularly for arrivals and departures from the south. We acknowledge this will be a change for the community.
	To help manage impacts, we are currently seeking feedback on preferred respite options . This could include alternating runway operating modes to provide breaks from aircraft noise.
	Estimated percentages on future runway operating modes are not currently known.
If aircraft must land and take off into the wind and the wind is in an east or westerly direction, considering the commitment based on extended capacity for flights, and there is only one East/West runway, how would this work if safety is the priority?	Safety is the top priority.
	Melbourne Airport has extensive weather data, which shows that winds in Melbourne are predominantly northerly or southerly . This is why the new runway is being built in a north–south configuration , as it will suit the majority of wind conditions.
	In cases of very strong easterly or westerly winds, the East–West runway will be used to maintain safety.

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Given that there are 6 noise monitors currently, how well informed can the noise interactive tool be?	Existing data from the noise monitors is publicly available to provide information on current operations .
	For future operations, noise impacts are predicted using aircraft noise modelling. The modelling process uses proposed flight paths, runway operating modes, and patterns to estimate noise levels. These predictions are shown as noise contours in the Major Development Plan Flight Path and Noise Map: Third Runway Project Major Projects Hub Melbourne Airport
	We have also included flight paths and aircraft height for each runway operating mode when the third runway is operational in the Noise and Flight Path Interactive Tool on the Noise Sharing Page of the Major Projects Hub. In this tool you can enter yours or someone else's address to view flight paths and aircraft heights within your area.
	Once aircraft noise modelling is completed in mid-late 2026, we will update the Noise and Flight Path Interactive Tool to include the predicted number of aircraft per day, flight path usage, and associated noise contours. This phased approach ensures the tool becomes a comprehensive resource for understanding future noise impacts.
	The current noise tool is available here: Noise Sharing Plan Major Projects Hub Melbourne Airport