

How the Noise Sharing Plan and Master Plan 2027 work together

Melbourne Airport's Master Plan 2027 and the Noise Sharing Plan are separate but complementary planning processes.

What is Master Plan 2027?

Master Plan 2027 sets out Melbourne Airport's long-term strategic vision for the next 20 years. It:

- is required under the *Airports Act 1996*.
- outlines future airport development, including aviation infrastructure, land use, environmental management and growth planning.
- considers ways to reduce potential impacts on surrounding communities while supporting airport operations.

What is the Noise Sharing Plan?

The Noise Sharing Plan is a separate operational plan that focuses specifically on how Melbourne Airport's runways will be used once the third runway opens in 2031, and all associated construction works are complete. It:

- is a condition of the Australian Government's approval of the third runway.
- aims to manage and share aircraft noise across surrounding communities by considering different runway operating modes.
- aims to provide periods of respite outside of peak periods, when safety and weather conditions allow.
- is being developed for Melbourne Airport by independent consultants.

How do the two plans work together?

Master Plan 2027
Provides the long-term framework for Melbourne Airport's future development, including the planned three-runway layout. It uses noise modelling to help show where aircraft noise is expected in the future through the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF).

Noise Sharing Plan
Sets out how the runways would operate once the third runway construction works are complete. Its noise modelling outputs help inform Master Plan 2027.

What are noise modelling outputs?
Noise modelling outputs are maps, forecasts and other information that show where aircraft noise is expected in the future. They are based on things like runway use, flight paths, aircraft types and the number of flights.

Which plan decides the flight paths?
The flight paths were approved by the Australian Government in 2024 as part of the Third Runway Major Development Plan.
The draft Noise Sharing Plan looks at how the approved flight paths could be used once the third runway and associated construction works are complete. This might include some changes to flight paths for safety and operational efficiency.
Master Plan 2027 incorporates the latest flight path design from the draft Noise Sharing Plan which has been used to prepare the noise modelling outputs.

Why are both plans needed?
Together, the two plans support Melbourne Airport's future growth while recognising the importance of aircraft noise.

Master Plan 2027	Noise Sharing Plan
Guides what the airport will look like in the future.	Guides how the future runway system can be operated to manage aircraft noise and provide respite where possible.



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