# Arundel Creek Treatment Facility

The Arundel Creek Treatment Facility is a new water treatment system being built as part of Melbourne Airport's third runway. The facility is an end-of-line stormwater treatment system that will be located near the southern boundary of the Melbourne Airport estate. Its main job will be to clean and treat stormwater before it leaves airport land.

## How does the facility work?

The facility will collect water runoff from the Arundel Creek catchment within Melbourne Airport land, clean it using special basins and natural filters, and then safely release it into the creek – all following government– approved standards. This process removes pollution

and increased sediment loads to help keep our rivers healthy.

It will operate alongside other water treatment facilities at Melbourne Airport.

# Why is the Arundel Creek Treatment Facility needed?

As the airport grows and more runways and roads are added, more rainwater will run off these hard surfaces, picking up dirt and pollutants along the way. The Arundel Creek Treatment Facility will help make sure this water is cleaned to the required standards before it reaches local waterways.

By managing stormwater volumes and enhancing water quality, the facility will play a crucial role in protecting downstream ecosystems and ensuring compliance with environmental regulations during construction and operation of the third runway.

#### What about local wildlife?

The facility has been designed to fit in with the local environment. It's been carefully placed to avoid disturbing Arundel Creek and nearby plants as much as possible. It also includes features to support habitats for native animals such as the Growling Grass frog.

The facility is also positioned to reduce the risk of attracting birds near the airport's runways, which helps keep flights safe.

## When will the facility be constructed?

Construction of the Arundel Creek Treatment Facility is expected to begin in early 2026 and will take around 12

months to complete. It will start operations in 2027.

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Drawing of the Arundel Creek Treatment Facility

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