

The need for Western Sydney Airport

The demand for flights in the Sydney region is forecast to double over the next 20 years. Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport cannot accommodate this demand alone.

Building Western Sydney Airport

The Australian Government has committed up to \$5.3 billion in equity over 10 years to develop Western Sydney Airport through a Commonwealth company, WSA Co. Construction is underway and the airport is on track to open in 2026.

From day one, this will be a full-service airport capable of catering for domestic and international passengers as well as freight services. The airport will open with a single runway and facilities to handle 10 million passengers.

Western Sydney Airport will be developed in stages as demand grows. The airport is initially expected to handle around five million passengers a year, reaching 10 million passengers by around 2031. A second runway will be added when needed.

By around 2063, the airport is expected to accommodate approximately 82 million passengers annually.



Delivering the project

WSA Co will build and operate Western Sydney Airport. The Government will act as the airport regulator and ensure the project meets all necessary design and environmental requirements. The Government will remain responsible for flight path design, road and rail connections and biodiversity.

WSA Co	Australian Government
Design of Western Sydney Airport	Flight path design and FOWSA
On site construction	Transport connections
Airport business	Regulatory approvals
Employment targets	Biodiversity

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Operation

Good planning has ensured the land around the airport has been protected from urban development for nearly 30 years. The distance from the end of the Western Sydney Airport runway to a built-up suburban area will be over 10 kilometres. At Sydney Airport, the nearest built-up area is less than one kilometre away. This protected space will allow Western Sydney Airport to operate without a curfew, ensuring 24/7 connectivity, more jobs and increased economic benefits.

Connecting Western Sydney Airport

Good road and rail links will allow the airport to meet its full potential. The Australian and NSW governments are constructing new and upgraded roads around the airport under the \$3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan. These upgrades are well underway and will help ease congestion around the airport site.

The governments have also committed to a long-term rail network to support Western Sydney. This includes a North South Rail Link from Schofields to Macarthur. The first stage of this network will connect St Marys to Western Sydney Airport, with both governments committed to having rail ready when the airport opens in 2026. In the coming months, a business case will finalise the route and station locations for the full North South Rail Link.

Jobs

Western Sydney Airport will be a major generator of employment during both its construction and operation. It will be a catalyst for investment and job growth, providing long-term employment opportunities.

During both construction and operation, Western Sydney Airport will support a range of jobs for various skill levels and qualifications, including baggage handlers, ground staff and engineers, as well as jobs in supporting industries like security, catering, retail, warehousing, administration, communications and IT.

Biodiversity

The Australian Government is investing around \$200 million in conservation and biodiversity activities in Western Sydney.

This includes protecting a 117-hectare environmental conservation zone along the airport's boundary with Badgerys Creek.

Biodiversity offsets are one of more than 40 strict conditions placed on the Western Sydney Airport's construction and operation.

