Airspace and Flight Path Design

Environmental impact assessment topics

The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) includes a range of detailed technical studies in accordance with the EIS Guidelines set by the Environment Minister. You can read, review, and provide a submission on these studies, which are outlined in the draft EIS.



Economic

The assessment of economic impacts focused on the:

- economic activity and employment
- property values and land use
- social and tourism impacts
- facilitated changes.

An assessment of potential social impacts associated with the project can be found at:

- Chapter 18 of the draft EIS
- Technical paper 10 (Social).

Key findings

- WSI is expected to generate significant economic and employment effects for the local and regional economy. The flight paths are integral to ensuring that the benefits of the airport are realised.
- Increased access to key tourist destinations is considered to outweigh the potential adverse amenity impact of the flight paths.
- Aircraft noise may result in adverse impacts to residential property values in some areas close to WSI. Dwellings within the N70 contour (and outside the ANEC 20) are expected to have a low level of impact. Potential losses are expected to be recovered in 6 months due to growth in real capital gain.
- Changes to airspace arrangements to accommodate the operation of WSI are also expected to have an economic impact on general aviation users, particularly flight training operators at Bankstown Airport. This impact has been estimated to be in the order of \$15 million per annum.



WSI terminal under construction (image credit: WSA Co)