



# WESTERN SYDNEY Fact Sheet



## Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport: Overview

### The need for an airport in Western Sydney

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 the airport

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

From day one, Western Sydney International 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 International 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.

### Responsibility for the airport project

Western Sydney Airport is the company that will build and operate the 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 offsets.

Western Sydney Airport	Australian Government
Design of the airport	Flight path design and FOWSA
On-site construction	Road and rail connections
Airport business	Regulatory approvals
Employment targets	Biodiversity

## Operations

Good planning has ensured that the land around the airport has been protected from urban development for nearly 30 years. The distance from the end of the 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 International to operate without a curfew, ensuring 24/7 connectivity, more jobs and increased economic benefits.

## Accessing the airport

The Australian and NSW governments are constructing new and upgraded roads around the airport under the \$4.1 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan (WSIP). This includes the M12 Motorway, which will connect the airport to Sydney's motorway network at the M7 in the east and the upgraded The Northern Road in the west. Other projects under the WSIP are well underway and will help ease congestion around the airport and throughout Western Sydney.

Through the Western Sydney City Deal, the Australian and NSW governments have

committed to fund the first stage of the new north-south rail link, Sydney Metro Greater West. The Australian Government has committed \$3.5 billion and the NSW Government has so far committed \$2 billion over four years, with the balance coming over the forward estimates.

Stage 1 will connect St Marys to the Western Sydney Aerotropolis via the airport by its opening in 2026. Sydney Metro Greater West will provide a new transport spine in the region to support jobs and new housing. The business case in late 2019 will finalise the route and station locations.



## Western Sydney City Deal

The Western Sydney City Deal is a 20-year partnership agreement between the Australian, NSW and eight local governments to create the 'Western Parkland City' by delivering rail, jobs, educational opportunities and community infrastructure to support Western Sydney's growth.

### Key commitments

- The Australian and NSW Governments will jointly fund and deliver Stage 1 of the Sydney Metro Greater West (North South Rail Link), from St Marys to the Western Sydney Aerotropolis via Western Sydney International (the Australian Government has announced \$3.5 billion towards the delivery of the rail line).
- A \$170 million Western Parkland City Liveability Program to deliver community facilities.
- A \$30 million Western Sydney Housing Package.

