

# Future development around Canberra Airport: Have your say



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## Frequently Asked Questions

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### WHAT IS THE AIM OF THIS PROPOSAL?

- This proposal helps to protect Canberra Airport's 24-hour curfew free passenger and freight operations.
- The proposal will prevent new rezonings that seek to increase residential development within the area surrounding the airport affected by the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) 20 contour.
- Rezoning which lead to more intensive residential development won't be allowed in areas affected by aircraft noise.

### WHERE DOES THIS PROPOSAL APPLY?

- The proposal relates to land within the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) 20 noise contour around Canberra Airport.
- This contour includes parts of Queanbeyan City, Palerang and Yass Valley local government areas.
- Maps showing the areas affected by the current proposal are available at: [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals)
- The Australian Capital Territory has its own planning controls for land use around the airport and will not be impacted upon by this proposal.

### WHAT IS ANEF 20?

- ANEFs are developed under an Australian Standard (*AS2021-2000 Acoustics- Aircraft noise intrusion- Building siting and construction*).
- ANEFs provide guidance about the suitability of different land uses in the vicinity of large airports. They take into account current and projected aircraft movements, flight paths, movements at night time and the noise from different types of aircraft.

### WHO DOES THIS PROPOSAL AFFECT?

- Individuals and/or developers who may have been interested in seeking amendments to local plans to permit further residential development in this area e.g. to rezone land from a rural to a residential use, and also, to rezone land for medium or high density residential development.
- Landowners within the ANEF 20 contour will be only affected by the proposal where they seek rezoning for their land, as there will be no change to landholders' rights to develop their land under existing state and local planning controls.
- There are approximately 800 landowners within the ANEF 20 contour.



## WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS PROPOSAL FOR LANDOWNERS WHO OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE ANEF 20 CONTOUR?

- This proposal prevents future rezonings that seek to increase the density of housing — it has no impact on existing residential development.
- This proposal does not affect any landowner's right to:
  - modify their existing house (e.g. renovations or extensions)
  - knock down and rebuild a new home
  - construct a new home on vacant land where this is already allowed within current residential zones
  - construct a secondary dwelling where this is already allowed within current residential or rural zones.

## HOW DOES THIS COMPARE TO PLANNING AROUND OTHER AIRPORTS IN AUSTRALIA?

- The Australian Standard ordinarily allows housing around airports up to ANEF 25 contour.
- The NSW Government has focused development on land that has an aircraft noise exposure level of less than ANEF 20 around Canberra Airport. This is because of the airport's ability to grow new aviation markets, its potential value as an 'overflow' airport to Sydney Airport and its 24-hour curfew free operation.

## IS THIS DECISION CONSISTENT WITH THE SOUTH TRALEE DECISION?

- Yes, all new development at South Tralee is limited to areas below the ANEF 20 contour.
- In addition, as a precautionary measure, all new houses in South Tralee will be insulated against aircraft noise, exceeding NSW legislative requirements and the Australian Standard for noise intrusion in buildings

## HOW CAN I HAVE A SAY?

- You can have a look at the draft proposal on the Department of Planning & Infrastructure website at: [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/proposals)
- You can make a submission by mail to:

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