

Camden Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, 1 April 2025

1. Attendees & Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 10am and gave an Acknowledgement of Country to the traditional owners of the land on which the Camden Airport CACG were meeting. The Chair noted Aeria Management Group respectfully acknowledges the Darug, Dharawal and Gundungurra Peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the Country where its airports are located and their connections to land, water and sky. The Chair paid respect to Elders past and present and extended that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the meeting.

Present	Company/Organisation
Deborah Palmer (DP)	Chair
Malia Corry	Minutes
Tom Smith	Aeria Management Group (AMG)
Justin Marr	AMG
Amanda Majarres	AMG
Peter Munro	AMG
Michael Noakes	AMG
Amanda Alegata	AMG
Glenn Seage	AMG
Danny Namgyal	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (Department)
Anna Rynne	Department
Inge Marais	Senior Electorate Officer for Sally Quinnett MP for Camden
Olivia Smith	Camden Council
Oscar Dell	Camden Council (attending on behalf of Clare Aslanis)
Hayley Neville	Camden Council
Timothy Gill	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Annette Dittmar	ASA
Daniel Jackson	ASA
John Anderson	Air Combat Australia
Greg Ackman	Mobile One
Lachlan Hyde	Royal Aero Club of NSW
Dave Boulter	Southern Cross Gliding Club (representing all Camden Airport gliding clubs)
Jim Norrie	United Aero

Robert Eaglesham	Camden resident
Rachael Atkinson	Camden resident
Con Diomis	Camden RSL
Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews	Director of Indigenous Research, Western Sydney University and representative of the Dharawal Traditional Descendants and Knowledge Holders Circle

Apologies	
Name	Company/ Organisation
Daniel Brandon	AMG
Scott Small	Department
Justin Barrington-Higgs	Department
Rafae Jafri	Department
Sally Quinnett MP	NSW MP for Camden
Vince Ferreri	Councillor North Ward, Camden Council
Abha Suri	Councillor North Ward, Camden Council
Clare Aslanis	Camden Council, Team Leader – Heritage Precincts and Rural
Anthony Lawler	CASA, Manager Office Airspace Regulation
Jay Ekinici	Air Combat Australia
Ray Ekinici	Air Combat Australia
Frank Galea	Air Force Cadets
Mike Scarce	Camden Hire
Mark Scarce	Camden Hire
David White	Curtis Aviation
Craig Marshall	Curtis Aviation
Derek Duggan	Delta Aviation
George Raby	GB Aviation
Mark Perich	Leppington Pastoral
Liz Grech	United Aero
Rob Walker	Regional Aviation Association of Australia and General Aviation Advisory Network
Dean Pegg	Camden resident
Kai Love	Camden resident
Chris Evans	Camden Rotary

2. Opening

- New Chair, Deborah Palmer (DP), opened the meeting by introducing herself and acknowledging and thanking previous Chair Brenton Burman.
- DP ran through agenda and invited questions.
- All attendees – in person and online - introduced themselves.
- DP ran through Minutes of previous meeting, noting the following Actions Arising:
 - Fuel relocation: AGM advised update would be provided later in the meeting
 - Flight training: AGM noted relevant discussions were ongoing
 - Master plan: Provided to members with the draft Minutes for the November 2024 meeting.
 - Flooding: Council provided update and advised bank re-stabilisation work on Nepean River is ongoing

3. AMG presentations and updates

- DP and attendees welcomed. Good level of attendance noted.
- Recent appointment of Michael Noakes as AMG Enterprise Risk Manager is part of a growing focus on risk and safety management. A new program and brand, “Aeria Safe”, will be launched over coming months and will support the AMG team to focus on safety in their conversations and operations.

Community events

- AMG participated in a range of International Women’s Day (IWD) events, including attending a livestreamed UN conference and a City of Canterbury Bankstown dinner. AMG COO Amanda Majarres was also part of a panel at an IWD event and gave an interview to a publication, which was posted on LinkedIn.
- AMG is very proud to again sponsor the Camden RSL Anzac Day services and memorials. AMG was impressed by the level of attendance and solemnity at last year’s event.
- President of the Royal Aero Club of NSW, Lachlan Hyde, received the Australian Aviation Awards 2024 Rising Star Award with a ceremony taking place at Camden Airport. CACG members congratulated Lachlan on his achievement.
- The Royal Aero Club of NSW held flying training camps over the summer holiday. Though impacted by bad weather, the camps saw diverse groups from across NSW come together. Lachlan presented a Certificate of Appreciation to AMG, which was gratefully received.
- The Australian Air League Flying Camp held a camp in January, which saw 22 student pilots from squadrons across NSW gather at Camden Airport for flight training.
- AMG reported that the Narellan Men’s Shed is looking for a new site. AMG is working with them to discuss a potential space at Camden Airport and is working hard to make sure they have a home. No commitment has yet been made and the Men’s Shed is looking at several potential sites, on and off airport.
- AMG has been contacted by the Powerhouse Museum, which would like to borrow a light aircraft for an upcoming exhibition on aviation – which will mark the opening of the museum’s new base in Parramatta. Members were asked to speak with Peter Munro (PM) at AMG if interested in lending a light aircraft.

Leasing opportunity

- 500 square metre hangar at Camden Airport, with:
 - 5.1-metre-high clearance
 - Parking
 - Public toilets
 - For more information or to submit an Expression of Interest contact AMG at property@aeria.co.

Camden Airport Aircraft movements

- AMG reported that aircraft movements have been weather impacted and dropped slightly in 2024 to 87,358. Average monthly movements are 7820.

Infrastructure works and upgrades

- Completion in December 2024 of second stage of Camden Airport fencing upgrades. to improve security and wildlife management. Stage 2 included 800+ metres of new fencing between hangars and the northern helipad perimeter. Stage 2, completed in 2023, included new airport perimeter fencing and access-controlled airside gates.
- Airport lighting and sign works to improve safety and conditions for operators were completed in late March 2025. Works included the replacement of airfield lighting with brighter and more efficient light globes and the replacement of Movement Area Guidance signs damaged by recent storms.
- Airport fuel site relocation works at the airport have begun, with practical completion expected by 30 June. The fuel site will be relocated alongside Taxiway D. The relocation includes a new taxiway approach, which is currently awaiting approval by the Airport Building Controller. It was noted that flooding and stormwater controls are in place as part of the project. Separate proposed development of a new hangar on the current fuel site is on hold while AMG examines fire safety requirements. AMG confirmed the new fuel site will be raised above potential flood levels.

Industry news

- Bankstown Airport Southeast VFR Corridor – CASA’s proposal for a new flight corridor south of Bankstown Airport is designed to reduce safety risks, improve efficiency and access to flight training areas and is supported by AMG. In response to industry feedback, CASA is now redesigning the corridor to reduce safety concerns. AMG noted that the redesigned corridor is likely to be a one-way southbound corridor only.
- CASA/ASA are expected to undertake further industry and community consultation on the redesigned corridor at a later date.
- AMG presentation to the CACG will be published on its website later this year.

4. Western Sydney International Airport (WSI) – Final Environmental Impact Statement

- Department provided an update on WSI flight paths and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), released on 7 November 2024. Presentation will be published on the AMG website.
- In response to consultation undertaken in August 2024, the Final EIS includes five changes from the Draft EIS:
 - Most relevant to Camden area is night Reciprocal Runway Operations (RRO) for arrivals and departures. This mode could be utilised from 11pm to 5:30am, 75% of the time when the mode is available, subject to weather conditions, air traffic volumes and air traffic control. Proposed RRO mode is informed by a range of feedback from nearby residents of Wallacia/Silverdale. The north-east flight path has been removed for jet aircraft departures, which will now use the south-east departure flight.
 - At night, when traffic is low and RRO is in use, aircraft departing to the west and north will delay the right turn to avoid noise sensitive areas in Wallacia and parts of Silverdale. Airtraffic control will radar vector aircraft over the Blue Mountains to further reduce noise for communities.
 - Departures from Runway 23 to the north has been adjusted to avoid communities in Mt Tomah and Mt Wilson.
 - One of the northern arrival paths to Runway 05 was removed and all aircraft arriving from the north will use the remaining flight path at night.
 - Flight path changes have been made to move arriving aircraft from the east further south of Bundeena.

- Noting there are significant changes to the north and south-west of Camden Airport, CACG members can find the contours that show the changes in the Final EIS at: [Western Sydney International Airport - Nancy-Bird Walton Chapter 8 – Facilitated Changes](#).
- 8477 submissions were received in relation to the Draft EIS, including from individuals, operators and agencies. Each submission was considered by the Department. A final 50 issues were taken forward by the design team and informed the five adopted changes.
- Detailed design and implementation is being led by ASA. ASA will engage the community and industry in mid-2025, once the Minister for Infrastructure & Transport authorises the final flight paths. Detailed design involves further refinement of the flight paths to ensure safety is adopted in implementation. ASA will consult communities about noise abatement and noise monitoring after the Federal Election in May 2025 pending announcement of flight path approval.
- ASA will run a 12 week engagement program including pop up stalls at markets and shopping centers, drop in sessions across Greater Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Online webinars will also be offered. When able, ASA will share more information about the dates and times for upcoming consultation, for distribution to CACG members.
- The Department advised that the Draft EIS acknowledged that flight training areas would change. AMG will work with operators in relation to the changes and the Department, CASA and ASA will run more briefings as an opportunity to find out more, ask questions and provide feedback. Operators can expect an invitation by mid-2025.
- AMG is having ongoing discussions with the Department and regulators about impacts and mitigation measures, in line with the Department's commitment in the Final EIS to consult on measures to minimise risks and economic costs.
- There are no changes to the classification of Camden Airport airspace as Class D.
- Next steps: Advice from the Minister for the Environment is currently being considered by the Minister for Infrastructure & Transport, who will then decide whether to approve the flight paths. Detailed design will take place in 2025. CASA and ASA will undertake further community and industry engagement in mid-2025 and the flight paths will be implemented in late 2026.

5. Airservices Australia presentation and update

- Camden Airport aircraft movements remain at consistent levels with previous reporting. While there was a dip in activity over Christmas, there has been steady growth over January and February 2025.
- Between October 2024 – February 2025 there have been 3 individual complainants with 5 contacts in total. There were no new complainants.
- AGM commented that, with about 100,000 annual movements, this is a great result for the airport and demonstrates that noise abatement measures are working.
- ASA is responsible for official queries and complaints on aircraft movements but AMG noted that it is also very happy to take enquiries and to assist the community to reduce aircraft noise, where possible. AMG noted information about the date and the time of the aircraft movement is important to help with such investigations.

6. Updates from local council and state and federal MPs

- Camden Council did not have updates on projects that would impact the airport. Camden Council's work on Narellan Town Centre planning, as well as affordable rental housing, is currently on public exhibition.
- No updates provided by the office of Sally Quinnett MP, Member for Camden.

7. Other attendee updates and general business

- Greg Ackman (Mobile One) stated that the biggest issue for Bankstown and Camden airports is airspace access and flight paths due to restrictions on flying over WSI. There are high performance aircraft in the area that need to transit to the north and do not want to be pushed down to low levels due to turbulence. Like for Sydney and Brisbane international airports, aircraft need to be permitted to overfly WSI. He requested representatives from ASA note this as part of the detailed design work for WSI flight path design.
- Resident Rachael Atkinson, who has long-standing family connections with Camden Airport, stated that there is a need to celebrate the airport's history. She has support from a volunteers' group to potentially establish a static event at the airport, focusing on heritage. AGM has previously advised that it is open to such initiatives, when backed by commitments from volunteers in terms of ongoing management and administration. AMG agreed to continue the conversation.

8. AMG 2024 Sustainability Report and initiatives

- AMG has identified three pillars to achieve sustainability: Environmental Stewardship; Community and Wellbeing; and Resilient Operations.
- AMG's sustainability vision is: *"To be a leader in general aviation airports, commercial precincts and in our community. We will achieve this by committing to net zero by 2030, being aware of our impacts, and engaging in an ethical and responsible way."*
- AMG's 2023 and 2024 sustainability reports are available on its website. The 2025 Sustainability Report is on track for release later this year.
- AMG's notable sustainability achievements in 2024 include: cleaner supply chains; the planting of more than 100 native trees at Camden Airport; and the development of a vision for AMG's first Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan, which will be endorsed before June 2025. AMG is working closely with Reconciliation Australia.
- AMG is also a committed environmental steward, including caring for the State's second largest bare-nosed wombat population at Camden Airport and working with Camden Landcare to make sure mange isn't spreading among the animals.
- AMG invites CACG members to reach out with their stories and any opportunities to collaborate on sustainability initiatives. Contact details are: Amanda.Alegata@aeria.co.

9. Member survey

- DP advised that a CACG member survey will be distributed with the Minutes. The aim is to make meetings as interesting and valuable as possible to members. Members can also contact the Chair directly with questions or feedback. Contact details are: debora@deborahpalmerconsulting.com.au or 0450 172 582.

10. Next meeting

- Next meeting of the Camden Airport CACG to be held on Monday 17 November 2025. Start time TBC. Meeting is taking place a little later than normal to avoid NSW and Federal Parliamentary sitting days. If the date changes, Members will be advised.

11. Meeting close and morning tea.

ACTION ITEMS

Item	Meeting arising	Action	Responsibility	Status
Airport fuel	November 2024	AMG to provide further information regarding the aviation fuel provider at Camden Airport	AMG	Update provided at April 2024 meeting. Closed
Flight training	November 2024	AMG to discuss with Camden Councillor Eliza Rahman concerns she raised regarding flight training at Camden Council	AMG/ Councillor Eliza Rahman	Item carried over. Open
Master Plan	November 2024	AMG to provide CACG members with a copy of the Camden Airport Master Plan and identify sections relating to airport zones	AMG	Closed
Flooding	November 2024	Camden Council to consider providing an update on its inquiry and research into local flooding events	Camden Council	Update provided at April 2024 meeting. Closed
Heritage	April 2025	AMG open to ongoing conversations with resident Rachael Atkinson about celebrating the history of Camden Airport	AMG and Rachael Atkinson	Open



Camden Airport CACG AMG presentation

1 April 2025

AMG news and leasing

AMG and community news

- Appointment of AMG Enterprise Risk Manager Michael Noakes
- New “Aeria Safe” brand and program
- International Women’s Day events
- AMG sponsorship of Camden RSL Anzac Day memorial services
- Camden Airport ceremony: Presentation of Rising Star Award to Lachlan Hyde, Royal Aero Club of NSW
- Royal Aero Club of NSW flying training camp. Presentation by Little Wings’ Head of Flight Operations James Mahoney
- Australian Air League Flying Camp – 22 student pilots from squadrons across NSW
- Narellan Men’s Shed discussions
- Powerhouse Museum exhibition.



Little Wings’ James Mahoney at Royal Aero Club of NSW flying training camp

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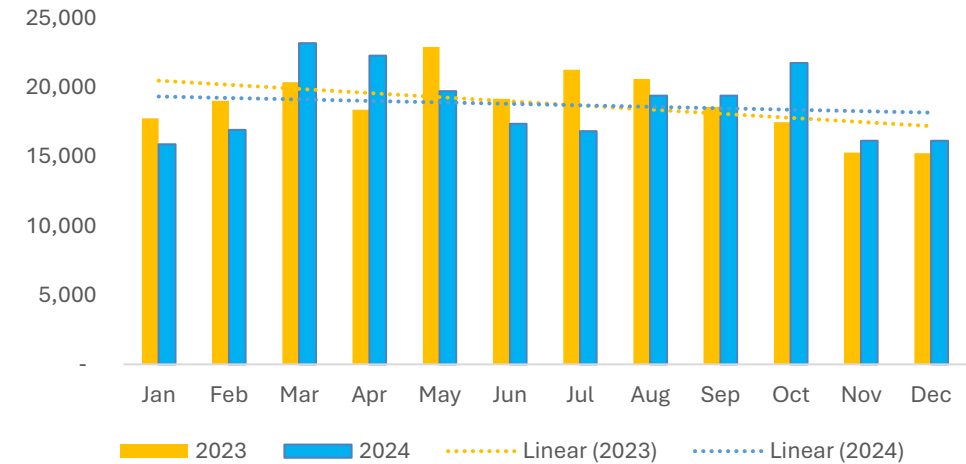
Aviation operations

Camden Airport Aircraft Movements

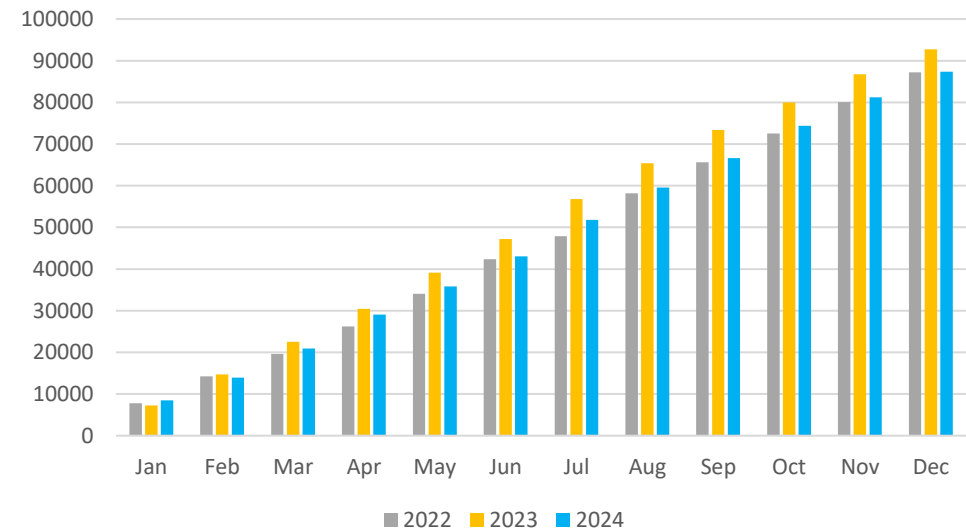
- 87,358 aircraft movements
- 94% of 2023 aircraft movements
- March 2024 busiest month (CY24)
- Average 7280 monthly movements
- FY25 to date: 51, 536 aircraft movements
- Jan 2025: 6972 movements

* Data source: Airservices Australia

YSBK monthly aircraft movements



YSCN cumulative aircraft movements (CY)



Infrastructure works and upgrades

Airport fencing upgrades

- Second stage of major fencing upgrade to improve airport security and wildlife management
- Stage 1 (completed 2023): New perimeter fencing and access-controlled airside gates
- Stage 2 (completed Dec 2024): 800m+ of new fencing between hangars and northern helipad perimeter
- New keypad customer gates to enhance security.



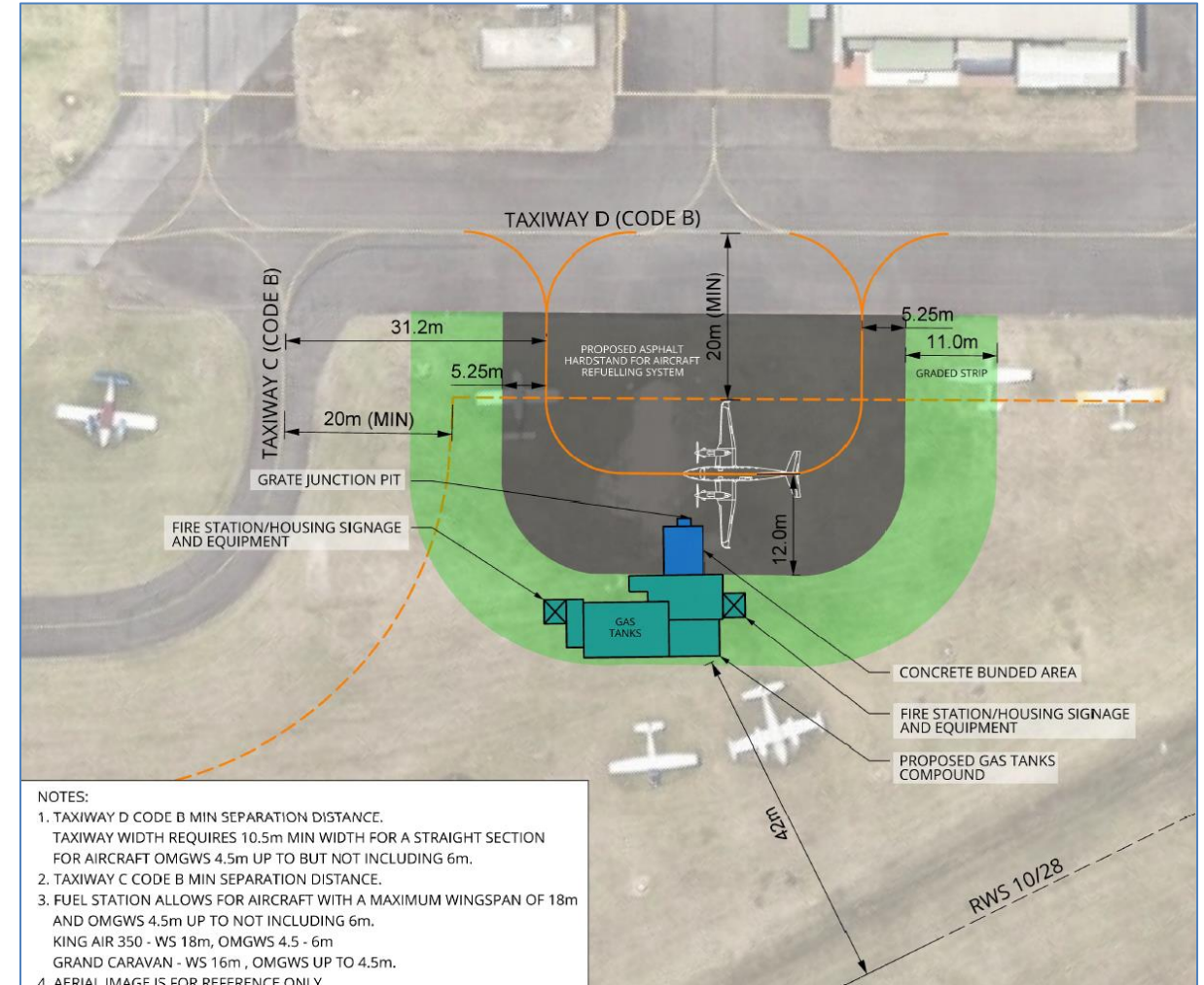
Airport lighting and signs works

- Replacement of airfield lighting with brighter and more efficient light globes – improving safety and energy efficiency
- Works covered more than 50 airfield lights, from early 2025 to Friday 28 March
- Separate replacement of Movement Area Guidance Signs damaged by recent storms



Airport fuel site relocation

- Relocation of airport fuel site alongside Taxiway D – including new hardstand apron
- Includes new taxiway approach
- Awaiting approval by Airport Building Controller
- Targeting practical completion by 30 June
- Note: Proposed new hangar development on current fuel site on hold – due to fire safety requirements
 - Exploring alternative development options, including pumped water supply on-site.



Industry news

Bankstown Airport Southeast VFR Corridor

- CASA proposal to create Bankstown Airport Southeast VFR corridor to reduce safety risks
 - Amid increased airspace congestion and complexity related to Western Sydney International Airport
- Industry feedback included safety concerns about “low-level nature of the corridor, the risk of mid-air collision and the likelihood of airspace incursions”
 - <https://consultation.casa.gov.au/stakeholder-engagement-group/bankstown-airport-southeast-vfr-corridor/>
- CASA currently redesigning corridor in response to safety concern feedback
 - Redesign expected to be one-way southbound corridor only
- Mid-2025: CASA/Airservices Australia industry and community consultation on redesign.



Original proposed corridor highlighted in blue – inbound lane (L); outbound bound lane (R)

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Update on Environmental Impact Statement

Danny Namgyal

**(A/g Assistant Secretary, Western Sydney
Airport Regulatory Policy Branch)**



Final EIS

- The final EIS adopted 2 changes consulted on in August 2024 and 3 other minor changes to the flight paths.
- Submissions report contains the response to each issue raised in the 8,477 submissions received on the draft EIS.



Submissions processing and response

8477
submissions

680
submissions
suggested
alternatives

300
submissions
assessed by the
design team

50
issues were
considered in
detail by the
design team

Next Steps – EPBC Act

**Minister for the
Environment and
Water gives
advice on
whether to
authorise flight
paths and any
environmental
conditions to
attach to
authorisation**

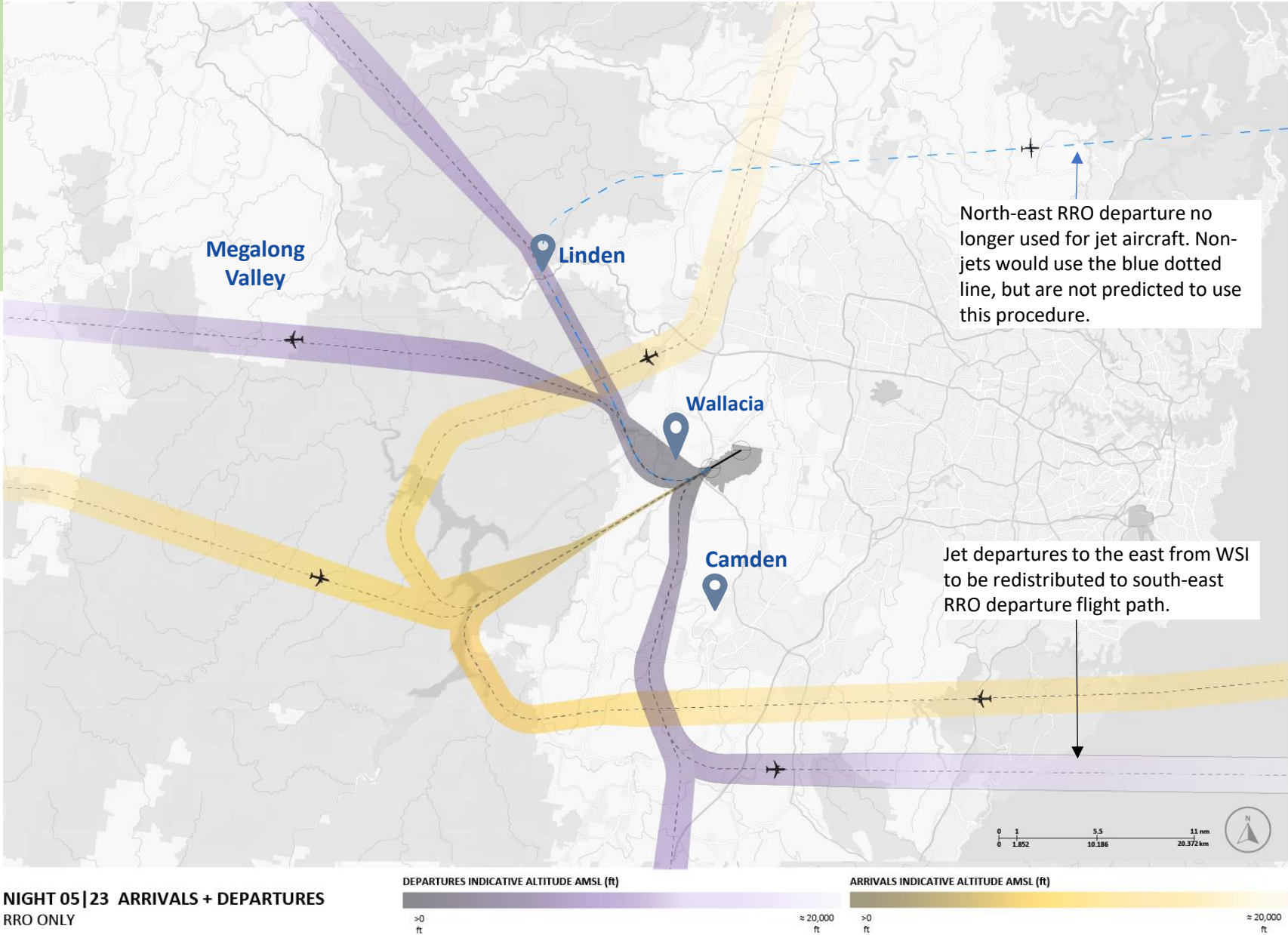
**Minister decision
on whether to
approve the flight
paths**

**Detailed design in
2025**

**Implementation
of flight paths in
2026**

Change 1:
Revised flight paths for jet aircraft traveling east from WSI at night

This image shows the proposed RRO mode with revised flight paths for jets travelling east from WSI at night



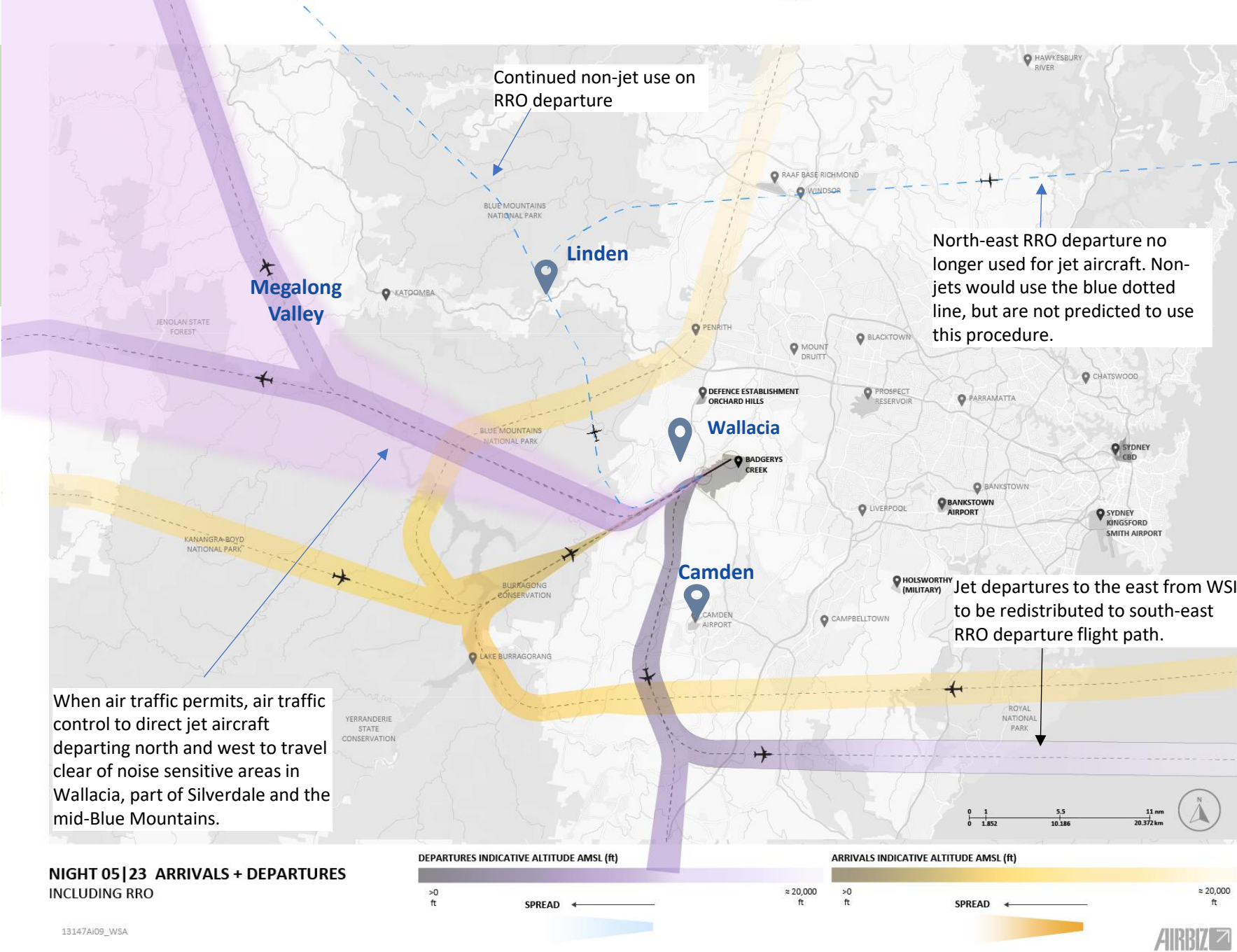
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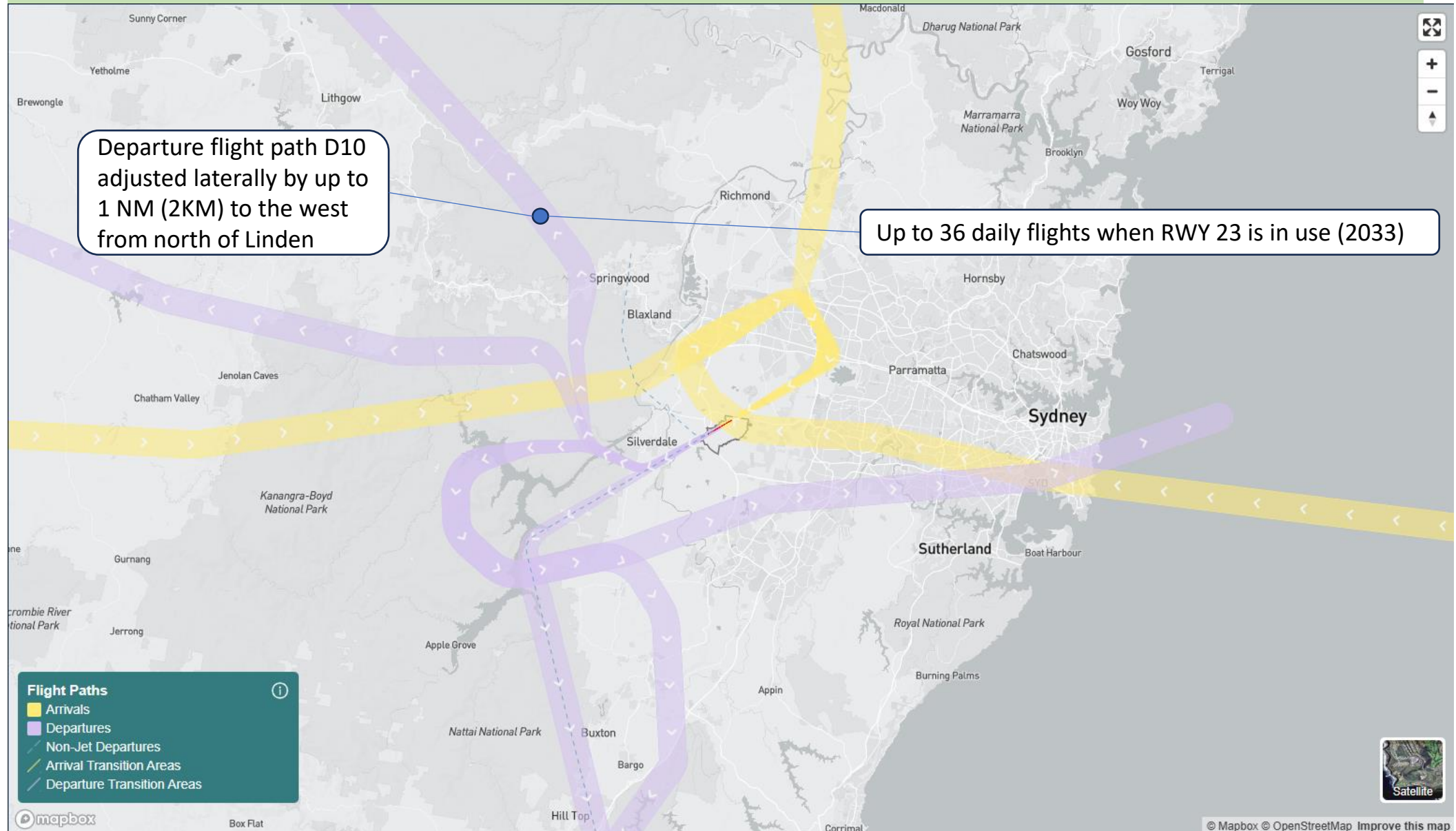
Change 2:
A noise abatement procedure for overnight aircraft

This image shows the RRO mode with Change 1. When traffic permits, this noise abatement procedure would be used in RRO mode.



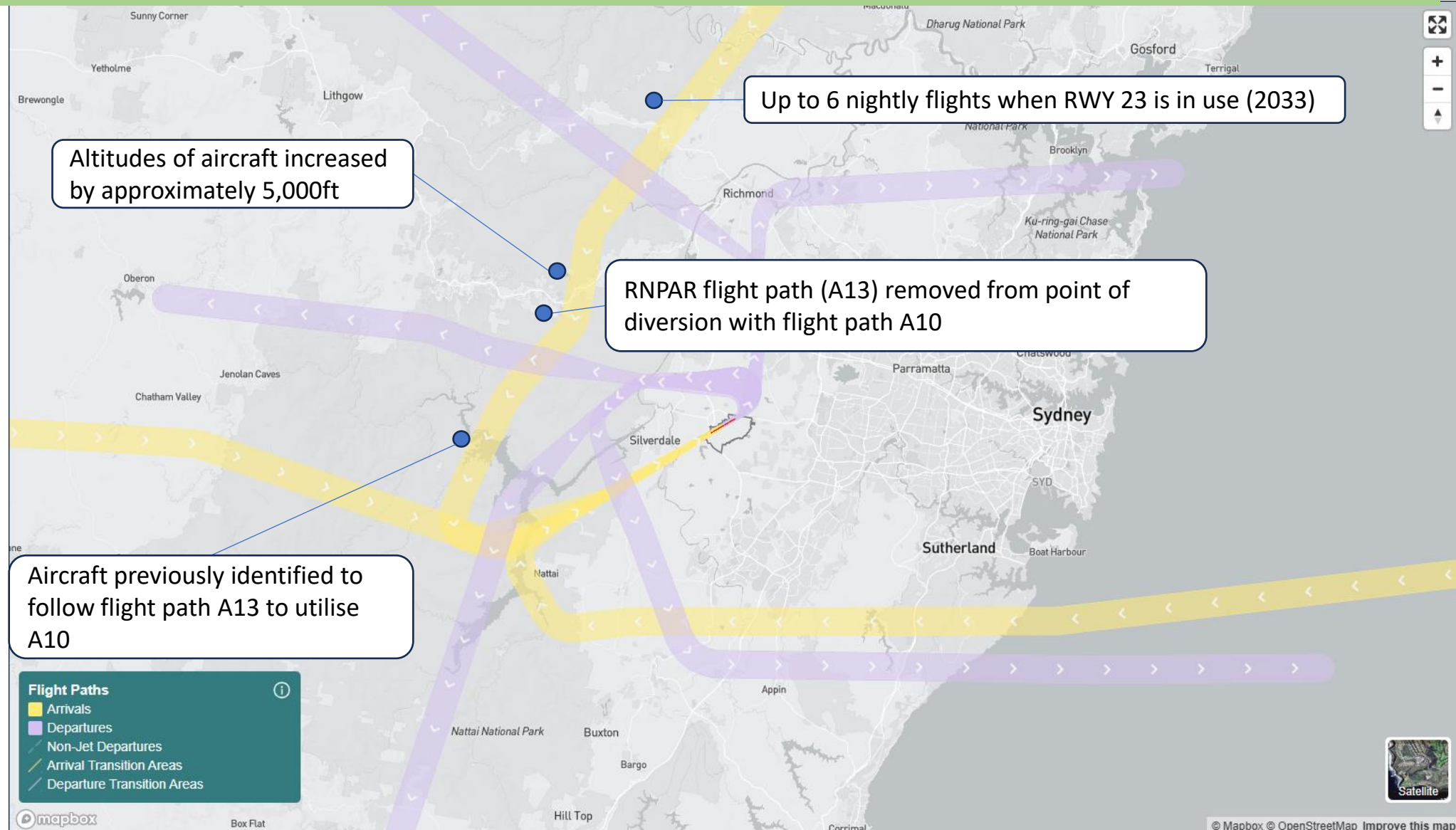
Change 3: Final EIS

Re-alignment of flight path RWY23 Day North (D10)



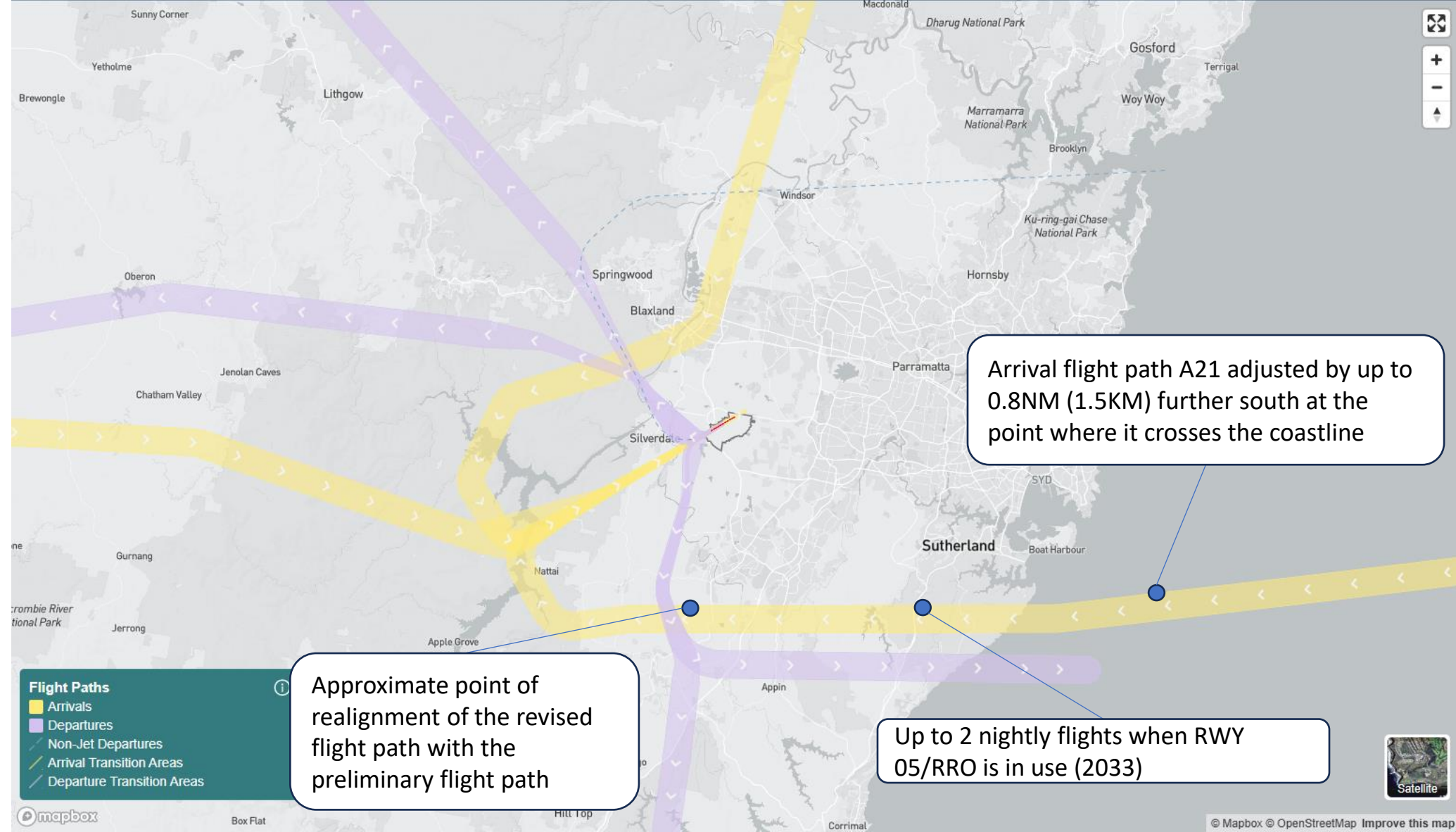
Change 4: Final EIS

Withdrawal of flight path: RWY05 Night North RNP-AR (A13)



Change 5: Final EIS

Re-alignment of flight path: RWY05 and RRO Night East (A21)



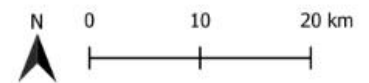
N60 night contours for 2033 (RRO) - Before



PAL 1 (2033)
N60 - Night (11pm-5:30am)
Scenario 4

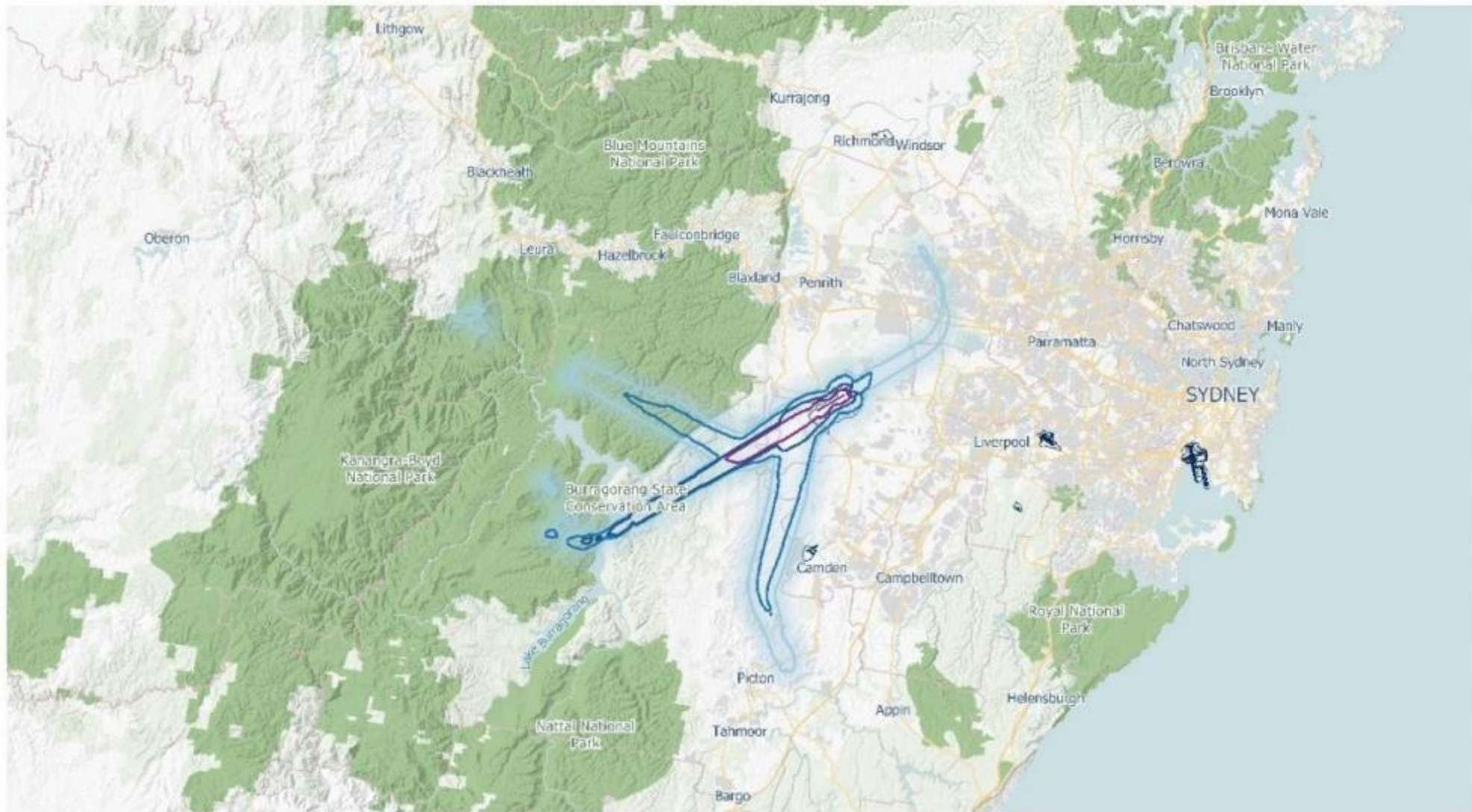
LEGEND

- 2-4 Movements
- 5-9 Movements
- 10-19 Movements
- 20+ Movements

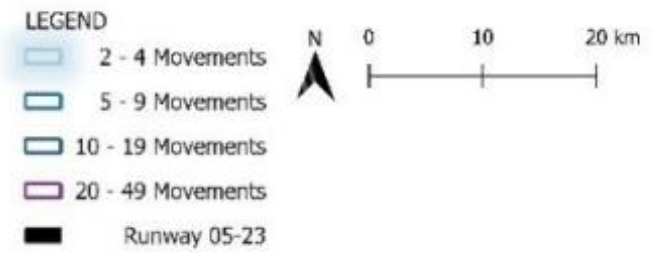


This is the N60 night contour map published in June 2023 and in the 2023 draft EIS

N60 night contours for 2033 (RRO - After)



PAL 1 (2033)
N60 - Night (11pm-5:30am)
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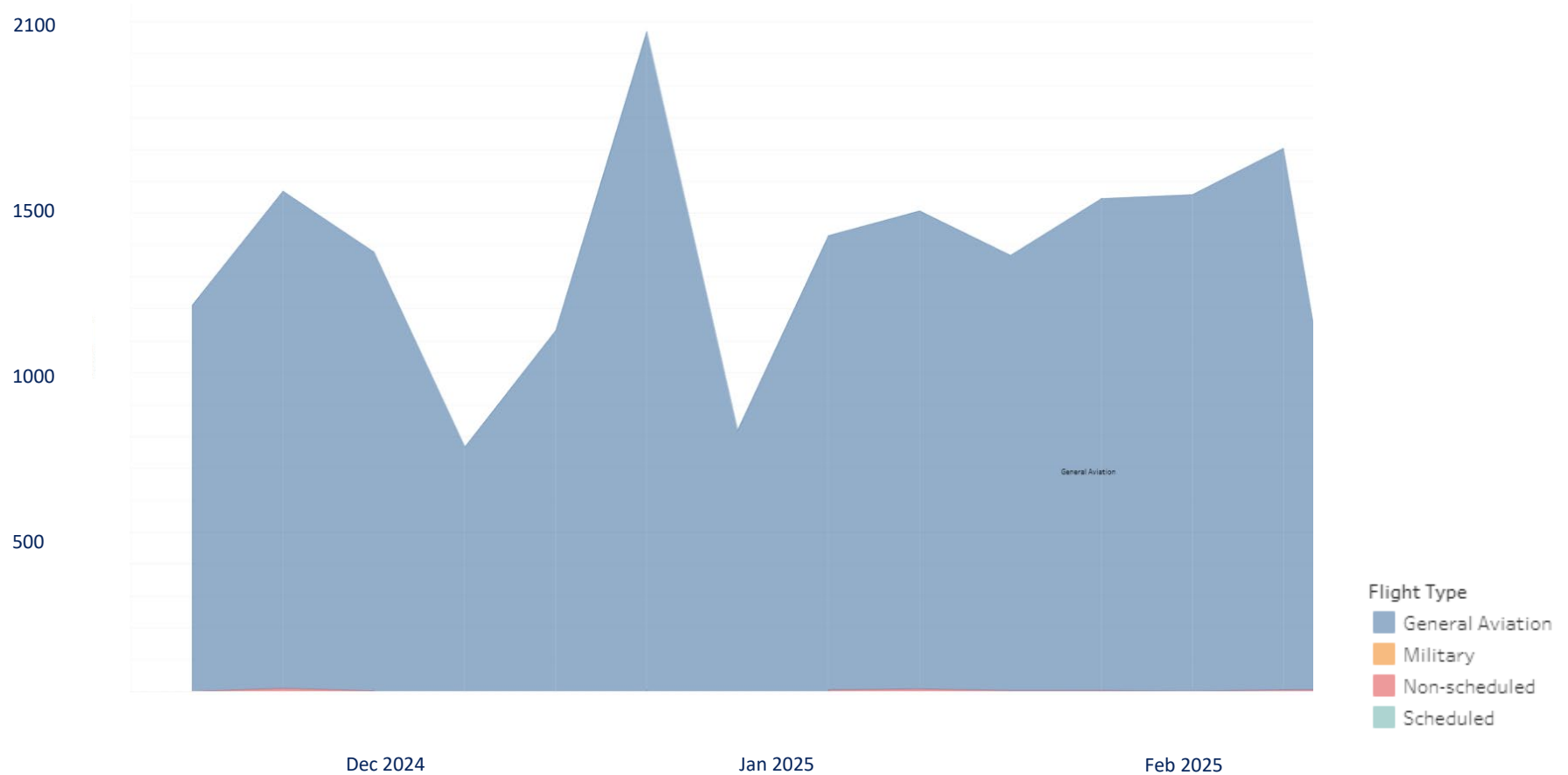
Camden CACG

1 April 2025

Airservices Update

- Air traffic movements Camden Airport
- Noise Complaints and Information Service (NCIS) summary
- Questions

Camden air traffic movements



NCIS UPDATE

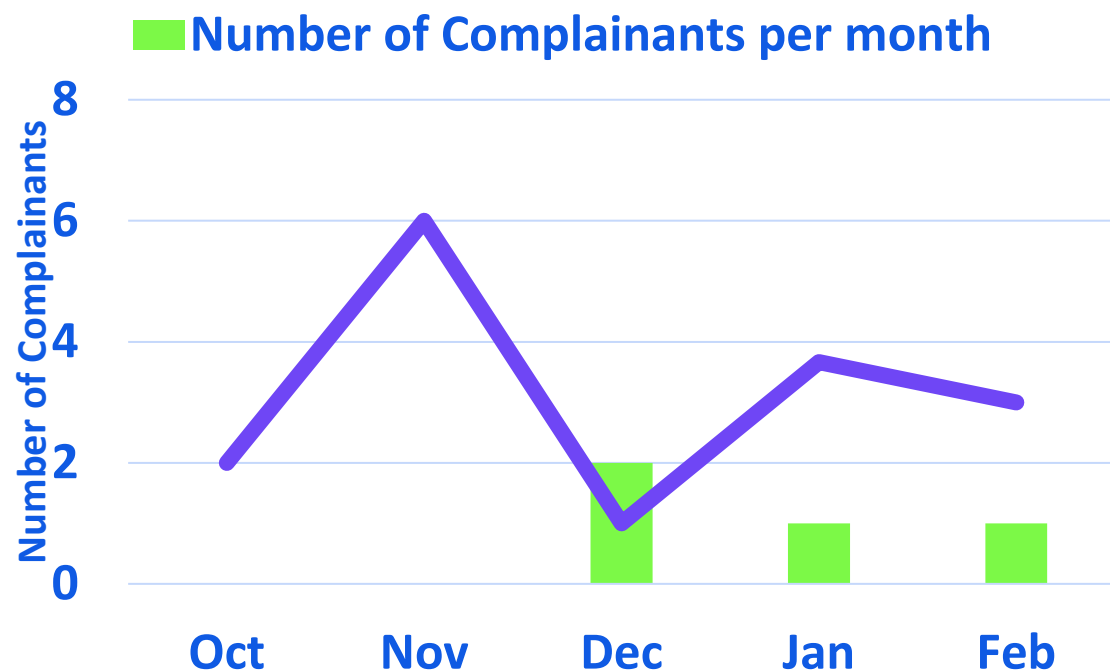
October 2024 – February 2025

Complainants

- 3 individual complainants
 - 5 contacts
 - 0 new complainants

Suburb

- 3 suburbs recorded a complainant
 - Katoomba – 1
 - Cobbitty – 1
 - Ellis Lane – 1



NCIS UPDATE

October 2024 – February 2025

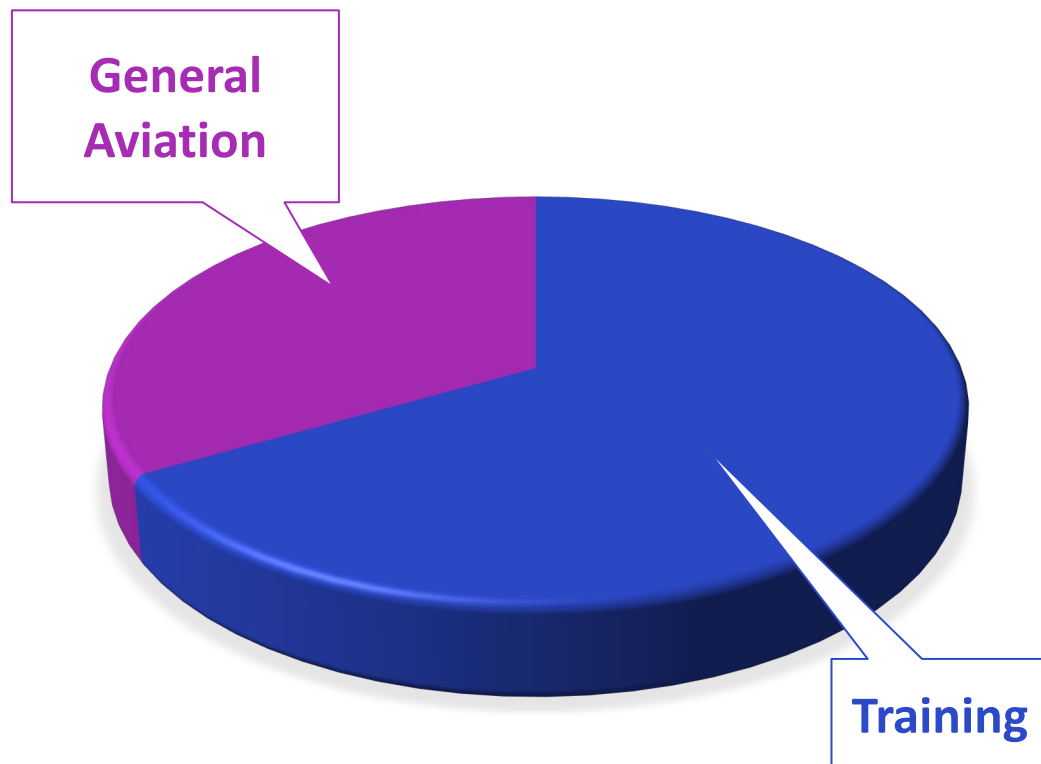
Issues

— Training

- fixed wing circuit training – 2

— General aviation traffic

- airwork – 1
- standard operation Day – 1



ONLINE NOISE REPORT

- Available on our website at:
<https://aircraftnoise.airservicesaustralia.com/>
- Enter your address or select Sydney
- What flight disturbed me and Sydney complaints report, then filter on Bankstown or Camden



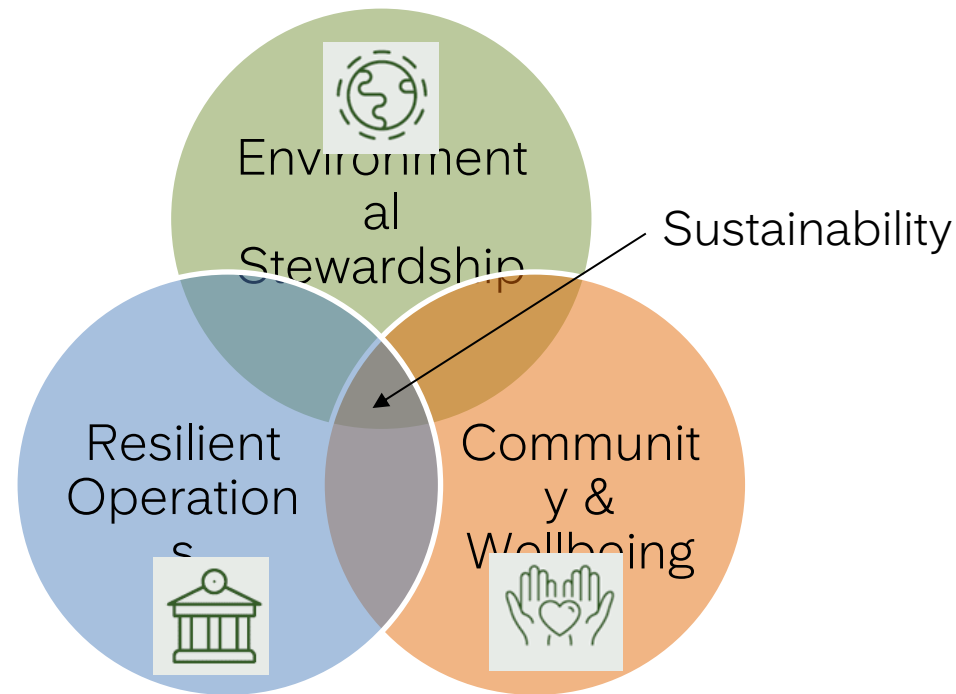
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Sustainability Update

April 2025

AMG'S Sustainability Vision



“To be a leader in general aviation airports, commercial precincts and in our community. We will achieve this by committing to **net zero by 2030***, **being aware of our impacts**, and **engaging in an ethical** and **responsible way**.”

*Scope 1 and 2 emissions

Sustainability Six



United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



*Scope 1 and 2 emissions



2024 Achievements

Environmental Stewardship Achievements



Baselined our Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions



Planted over 100 native trees at Camden Airport to increase habitat and support local biodiversity



Installed sufficient rooftop solar ready to power 100% of AMG's operations

Community and Wellbeing Achievements



Multi-year partnership with Little Wings, funding 65 missions a year for sick children and their families, from regional NSW, Queensland and the ACT



Developed vision for AMG's first 'Reflect' Reconciliation Action Plan

Resilient Operations Achievements



Delivered AMG's 2023 Annual Sustainability Report



Board approval of the AMG Scope 1 and Scope 2 Climate Transition Plan



Won Metro Airport of the Year at the 2023 National Airport Industry Awards

Environmental Stewardship



Community & Wellbeing



AMG's vision for reconciliation is to build authentic, respectful and meaningful relationships with the First Nations communities to create a sense of belonging for all Australians. We aim to listen, connect and learn from Traditional Owners on how we can see, respect and heal Country.

Resilient Operations



We'd love to hear from you!

- Sustainability stories
- Collaboration opportunities
- Help with sustainability initiatives

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