

Support from Government

- Government support for considered, long-term planning through the Airport Environs Overlay Collaboration with Tourism Victoria and other government agencies, has been beneficial to Melbourne Airport's development and assisted in providing alternative options for light aircraft and maintaining a curfew free operating status.

Physical capacity

- Careful development and appropriate legislation around Melbourne Airport have given the airport the opportunity to grow at a suitable pace without becoming congested or encroaching on its neighbours. This is a key factor in protecting the airport's most important competitive advantage: 24 hour curfew free operation.
- Compared to the constrained space at some other airports, the 2,379 hectares of space at Melbourne Airport provides ample room for growth into the future, with 350 hectares allocated for commercial and office development.

Infrastructure capacity

- The relatively low number of light aircraft movements at Melbourne Airport increases the capacity of its existing infrastructure.
- Other large airports in Australia cater for larger volumes of light aircraft traffic, restricting the capacity of their runways and aircraft stands. Currently 97 % of Melbourne's aircraft movements are aircraft heavier than 7,000 kg whereas Brisbane and Sydney are restricted to 86% and 92% respectively.