



# EPBC Act Compliance Report

*Permit to conduct maintenance and  
operational activities at Melbourne Airport,  
Tullamarine, Victoria (PERMIT E2023-0212)*

Prepared by:

**Australia Pacific Airports (Melbourne) Pty Ltd**

Reporting period:

27 June 2024 to 30 June 2025

## DECLARATION OF ACCURACY

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed



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# 1 INTRODUCTION

<b>Approved action</b>	
Person to whom the permit is granted	<b>Australia Pacific Airports (Melbourne) Pty Ltd, Level 2, Terminal 4, Melbourne Airport, VIC 3043</b> <b>ACN: 076 999 114</b>
Approved action	<b>Permit to conduct maintenance and operational activities at Melbourne Airport, Tullamarine, Victoria</b>
Permit/EPBC Number	<b>E2023-0212 (Part 13)</b>
Reporting period	<b>27/06/2024 – 30/06/2025</b>
Date of Report	<b>25/09/2025</b>

## 1.1 Approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

The Department of Environment issued approval for above mentioned action on 27 June 2023. This permit is valid until 30 June 2028.

## 1.2 Purpose of this report

This compliance report outlines the state of compliance with each approval condition over the reporting period 27/06/2024 – 30/06/2025. Statements regarding compliance with Permit E2023-0212 conditions are detailed in Table 1. Condition 1 of the permit refers to Attachment A of the permit, which describes authorised maintenance activities. Table 2 of this report details the state of compliance with these authorised activities, and includes a short summary of supporting evidence.

## 1.3 New Environmental Risks

No new environmental risks were identified during the reporting period.

# 2 COMPLIANCE WITH APPROVAL

**Table 1: Compliance with Part 13 Permit**

Condition	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition	Comment
1	The <b>permit holder</b> must only undertake the operational and infrastructure maintenance activities listed in Appendix A of this decision:	<b>Yes</b>	Refer to Table 2 for a summary of compliance relative to Attachment A of the permit.

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Condition	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition	Comment
	<p>a.) Within the <b>proposed action area</b> (unless additional activities are authorised by another permit issued by the <b>department</b> or by a separate approval made under the <b>EPBC Act</b>),</p> <p>b.) As per the methods described in the <b>permit application</b> received by the <b>department</b> on 24 April 2023.</p>		
2	The <b>permit holder</b> must implement the <b>Growling Grass Frog Management Plan</b> , the <b>Grey Box Woodland Fire Management Plan</b> , the <b>Grey Box Woodland Environment Management Plan</b> , the <b>Grassland Ecological Management Specification</b> , and the <b>Melbourne Airport Environmental Management Plan</b> at least until the expiry date of this permit.	Yes	Noted. Compliant.
3	If, at any time during the life of the permit, the <b>permit holder</b> kills or injures one or more individuals of <b>Growling Grass Frog</b> or <b>Golden Sun Moth</b> as a result of the action, the <b>permit holder</b> must report in writing to the <b>department</b> within 5 <b>business days</b> of becoming aware of any such death or injury. The report must state the number of individuals of the species killed or injured, the cause and the response measures and actions taken to prevent further occurrences.	Yes	No individuals of Growling Grass Frog or Golden Sun Moth were killed or injured during the reporting period.
4	The <b>permit holder</b> may give to another person written authority to take, for or on behalf of the <b>permit holder</b> , any activity authorised by this permit. When an authority is given to another person, the condition requirements continue to apply such that the <b>permit holder</b> remains responsible to ensure that the conditions are complied with. The giving of an authority to another person does not prevent the <b>permit holder</b> from undertaking the authorised activity. The <b>permit holder</b> who gives an authority to another person must inform the <b>department</b> in writing within ten <b>business days</b> after giving the authority. The <b>permit holder</b> may only give an authority to another person who has sufficient experience and competence in the activities of this permit.	Yes	Melbourne Airport maintains operational control of all activities authorised by this permit. Internal monitoring procedures allow for tracking, auditing and verification of activities to ensure the permit conditions are being met.

Condition	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition	Comment
5	<p>For the life of the permit, the <b>permit holder</b> must maintain a <b>compliance report</b>, demonstrating compliance with these permit conditions, and complete or update the report within 3 months of each 12 month anniversary of the date of the permit, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the <b>Minister</b>. The <b>permit holder</b> must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Publish the <b>compliance report</b> on the <b>website</b>;</li> <li>b. Notify the <b>department</b> by email that a <b>compliance report</b> has been published on the <b>website</b> within five (5) <b>business days</b> of the date of its publication or update;</li> <li>c. Exclude or redact <b>sensitive ecological data</b> from the <b>compliance report</b> published on the <b>website</b>; and</li> <li>d. Where any <b>sensitive ecological data</b> has been excluded from the version published, submit the full <b>compliance report</b> to the <b>department</b> within five (5) <b>business days</b> of publication or update.</li> </ul>	Yes	Noted. This report complies with this condition.
6	<p>The <b>permit holder</b> must notify the <b>department</b> electronically, within two (2) <b>business days</b> of becoming aware of any <b>incident</b> and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a <b>plan</b>. The <b>permit holder</b> must specify in the notification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Any condition or commitment made in a <b>plan</b> which has been or may have been breached;</li> <li>b. A short description of the <b>incident</b> and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance; and</li> <li>c. The location (including coordinates) date and time of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance.</li> </ul>	Yes	Noted. No incidents or non-compliances relating to this permit have been identified during this reporting period.

### 3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

*Table 2: Species or ecological communities that will be affected by the operational and infrastructure maintenance activities at Melbourne Airport, Victoria*

Listed species/ecological communities	Conservation status under the EPBC Act	Estimated number that will be affected. For ecological communities, estimate of the affected area	Type of effect	Work undertaken in reporting period (Yes or No)	Compliance status	Evidence/Comment
Grey Box (Eucalyptus microcarpa) Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of south-eastern Australia (Grey Box Woodlands)	Critically endangered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor lopping of branches of up to 180 mature Grey Box trees (&lt;10% impact to the canopy of each tree).</li> </ul>	Injure	Yes	<b>Compliant</b>	Expert contractors were engaged and managed by Melbourne Airport Environment and Sustainability department to undertake branch lopping during the reporting period and within the limits specified in the permit i.e. for access tracks or mandatory security fence clearance.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of up to 500 saplings as they appear along the boundary fence as required.</li> </ul>	Take	Yes	<b>Compliant</b>	Expert contractors were engaged and managed by Melbourne Airport Environment and Sustainability department to remove saplings during the reporting period and within the limits specified in the permit along the boundary fence.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moving dead, dying or lopped woody debris up to 10 metres away from the existing tracks and boundary fences as required.</li> </ul>	Move	Yes	<b>Compliant</b>	Expert contractors were engaged and managed by Melbourne Airport Environment and Sustainability department to relocate fallen branches during the reporting period and within the limits specified in the permit from existing access tracks.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ecological burning of up to 5 hectares of Grey Box Woodland annually.</li> </ul>	Injure	No		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-destructive digging (NDD) and/ or ripping of soils up to 0.01 hectares to destroy rabbit warrens harbour.</li> </ul>	Injure	No		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taking of individual plant specimens within a larger patch of native vegetation.</li> </ul>	Take	No		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taking of species from a threatened ecological community - up to 400 specimens.</li> </ul>	Take	Yes	Compliant	Expert contractors were engaged and managed by Melbourne Airport Environment and Sustainability department to take specimen during the reporting period and within the limits specified in the permit.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short-term disturbance to 0.03 hectares of Grey Box Woodland community for ongoing monitoring and baseline data collection of environmental data.</li> </ul>	Take/Injure	No		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short term disturbance of 0.005 hectares of Grey Box Woodland for utilities (drainage / sewer / electricity) installation, maintenance and replacement</li> </ul>	Injure	No		
Natural Temperate Grassland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain (NTGVVP)	Critically endangered	Burning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ecological burning of up to 3 hectares within the Annandale Grassland Reserve.</li> <li>Ecological burning of up to 5 hectares within the Arundel Road Grassland Reserve.</li> </ul>	Injure	No		
		Mowing/slashing regime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airside               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mowing/slashing of up to 260 hectares of NTGVVP (Minimum monthly in runway strips, bimonthly outside of strips on</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Injure	Yes	Compliant	An experienced Melbourne Airport operations and maintenance team undertook scheduled cuts of runway strips and areas outside runway strips during the reporting period and within the limits specified in the permit to maintain a safe

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		<p>average depending on weather).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mowing/ slashing of all areas of NTGVVP (average monthly, depending on weather and growth rates) of up to 70 hectares.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				<p>length and visibility of airport ground lighting and signage.</p> <p>Expert contractors were engaged and managed by Melbourne Airport Environment and Sustainability department to undertake mowing and slashing of Melbourne Airport paddocks during the reporting period and within the limits specified in the permit.</p>
		<p>Rabbit Management</p> <p>Airside and Landside - Non-destructive digging (NDD) and/or ripping of soils up to 0.02 hectares</p>	Injure	No		
		<p>Cattle grazing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landside - Cattle grazing in up to 50 hectares of NTGVVP.</li> </ul>	Injure	Yes	<b>Compliant</b>	Cattle grazing was conducted in Melbourne Airport paddocks during the reporting period and within the limits specified in the permit.
		<p>Herbicide and Pesticide application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insecticide spraying is undertaken every six weeks on average within 50 metres either side of the runways within up to 13 hectares of NTGVVP.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Landside/ Airside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boundary fence line spraying of herbicide is undertaken across</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Injure	Yes	<b>Compliant</b>	An experienced Melbourne Airport operations and maintenance team undertook scheduled spraying of runway strips and along the boundary fence during the reporting period and within the limits specified in the permit.

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		<p>approximately 142 hectares along the airside perimeter fence. This has the potential to disturb up to 10 hectares of NTGVVP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fence line spraying around the paddocks dispersed throughout Melbourne Airport.</li> </ul>				
		<p>Fence installation, maintenance and post replacement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disturbance of up to 0.03 hectares.</li> </ul>	Take/Injure	No		
		<p>Utilities (drainage / sewer / electricity) installation, maintenance and replacement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disturbance of up to 0.027 hectares.</li> </ul>	Take/Injure	Yes	<b>Compliant</b>	Access for HDD works necessary for airside lighting upgrades resulted in disturbance of NTGVVP during the reporting period and within the limits specified in the permit.
		<p>Ongoing monitoring and baseline data collection of environmental data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disturbance of up to 0.11 hectares.</li> </ul>	Take/Injure	No		
		<p>Groundwater bore installation, maintenance and replacement, Geotechnical investigations including bores and test pits Injure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disturbance of up to 0.008 hectares.</li> </ul>	Take/Injure	No		

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		Taking of species from a threatened ecological community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 200 specimens (combined).</li> </ul>	Take	No		
		Track maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of regrowth NTGVVP within existing access track areas of up to 0.40 hectares annually</li> </ul>	Take	No		
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands (Freshwater) of the Temperate Lowland Plains (Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands)	Critically endangered	Mowing/slashing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airside - All areas of SHWTLP (average monthly, depending on weather and growth rates) (0.15ha).</li> <li>Landside - All areas of SHWTLP (average monthly, depending on weather and growth rates) (0.20ha).</li> </ul>	Injure	Yes	<b>Compliant</b>	An experienced Melbourne Airport operations and maintenance team undertook scheduled cuts of areas outside runway strips during the reporting period and within the limits specified in the permit.
		Taking of species from a threatened ecological community Take <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airside and Landside - Up to 200 specimens (combined).</li> </ul>	Take	No		
Growling Grass Frog <i>Litoria raniformis</i>	Vulnerable	Burning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ash accumulating in waterways affecting water quality.</li> </ul>	Move	No		
		Rabbit Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential injury or death to Growling Grass Frogs in areas adjacent to waterways.</li> </ul>	Injure/kill	No		

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		Mowing/Slashing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential injury or death to Growling Grass Frogs in areas adjacent to waterways.</li> </ul>	Injure/kill	No		
		Herbicide and pesticide application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contamination of waterways.</li> </ul>	Injure	No		
Golden Sun Moth <i>Synemon plana</i>	Vulnerable	Rabbit Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential injury or death to Golden Sun Moths in habitat.</li> </ul>	Injure/kill	No		
		Mowing/Slashing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential injury or death to Golden Sun Moths in habitat.</li> </ul>	Injure/kill	No		

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