

What is a Master Plan



The 2022 Master Plan for Melbourne Airport is a strategic document providing a blueprint for Melbourne Airport's development over the next 20 years. The Airports Act 1996 (the Act) requires airports to prepare a Master Plan every five years. It is then submitted to the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development for approval.

What is a Master Plan?

An airport Master Plan is the strategic planning document that outlines the future development of an airport and is a legislative requirement. As Melbourne Airport experiences growth in passenger numbers and freight, the Master Plan ensures the airport has the plans to manage that growth.

What does the plan include?

The Master Plan lays out detailed plans for developing the airport over the next five years. These plans align to a 20-year strategic direction for the airport, considering the changes needed to cater for the airport's growth.

The Act requires that the Master Plan describe the following:

- ✓ Development objectives
- ✓ Future aviation needs
- ✓ Future land uses
- ✓ Flight paths and noise impacts
- ✓ Environmental issues and their management
- ✓ Proposed sensitive developments
- ✓ Ground transport plan
- ✓ Environment strategy

What is the approval process?

There are four stages to the approval process for the Master Plan. Throughout the approval process a range of aviation, local, state and federal government stakeholders provide their feedback. Feedback on the preliminary draft Master Plan is sought from the general public during the public exhibition period. The process diagram describes each phase.

