



Gold Coast Airport



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Gold Coast ILS Major Development Plan released for public comment

Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd has today released for public comment, its preliminary draft Major Development Plan (MDP) proposing the installation of an instrument landing system (ILS) at the airport.

Through the MDP, Gold Coast Airport and Airservices Australia are seeking feedback on the proposal to install an ILS for aircraft landing at the northern end of the main runway (Runway 14).

About two-thirds of flights each year land from this direction due to prevailing winds and use of the proposed ILS is expected to significantly reduce the number of flights that are unable to land at the Gold Coast during poor weather.

An ILS is a highly-accurate radio signal navigation aid which assists pilots to land in low visibility conditions by providing aircraft with vertical and horizontal guidance to the runway.

The proposed ILS will require a new flight path extending north in a straight line from the main runway to approximately Surfers Paradise.

Gold Coast Airport Chief Operating Officer David Collins said the release of the MDP was an important step in getting an ILS installed at the airport to reduce the number of delays and diversions during poor weather each year.

"The MDP is open for public comment for 60 business days, giving the community an opportunity to provide comment on the proposal and we encourage them to do so," Mr Collins said.

"This marks the beginning of the public consultation process through which we aim to provide as much detailed information as possible on the ILS and its associated flight path to ensure the community is informed and can provide feedback through the MDP process," Airservices Executive General Manager Safety, Environment and Assurance Dr Rob Weaver said.

Gold Coast Airport and Airservices will hold community information drop-in sessions throughout April to provide residents with an opportunity to seek further information and ask any questions they may have about the potential impacts of the proposed ILS.

The MDP is open for public consultation until 5pm on 13 July 2015. A copy of the full MDP is available at www.goldcoastairport.com.au

The community can submit feedback on the MDP in writing to Gold Coast Airport's Chief Operating Officer using the online form on the airport's website or by mail to Locked Bag 5, Coolangatta QLD 4225.

Detailed information about the proposed ILS is available at www.goldcoastairport.com.au and www.airservicesaustralia.com/projects/gold-coast-ils

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