



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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Ms Tabatha Badger
Greens Member for Lyons
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Dear Ms Badger

Thank you for your constituent question in Parliament during the last sitting in which you asked me as Minister for Tourism and Hospitality the following question:

Your government has made a commitment to invest \$5 million into the State Aviation Strategy to increase exports under your 2030 Strong Plan. What measures will the government implement to alleviate the distress caused by the noise of jet aircraft using the current runway 30 RNP-AR flight path while also protecting the scenic and environmental values of the affected area? Have you had any correspondence with Airservices Australia about this? How will the State Aviation Strategy prioritise the health and wellbeing of all Tasmanians, balancing the needs of aviation and tourism industries with those environmental and local communities as well?

In response to your constituent question, I can advise the following.

The aviation environment remains challenging post COVID-19 and for Tasmania to maintain and increase capacity to the island, Tasmania must be able to respond to emerging opportunities as they arise.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government will create a dedicated Aviation Fund of \$5 million to be established to enable Tasmania to be agile and swift in leveraging opportunities by partnering with domestic and international airlines to increase capacity and enter the Tasmanian market.

Airservices Australia is a Federal government-owned organisation responsible for the safe and efficient management of Australia's skies, including responsibility for setting and monitoring of flight paths into Hobart Airport.

I am advised a trial is currently underway by Air Services Australia to monitor aircraft noise and test two different flight path approaches to Hobart Airport's runway 30.

The trial will run for approximately the next 6 months to understand the noise impacts on community and the options to lessen the noise impacts on various locations.

The trial involves all arriving flights to runway 30 using the long approach (RNAV), near Connellys Marsh. It will operate between 2pm and 8am and will distribute air traffic more evenly between the long approach and short approach (RNP-AR) to lessen noise impacts on areas near the short approach.

Noise monitoring devices are positioned at various locations and will continually measure noise impacts throughout the trial.

When completed, the trial will be assessed and a decision made on whether to cease the trial, amend the trial conditions, or implement the NAP as a permanent operation.

The Tasmanian Government, through Tourism Tasmania and Department State Growth, is engaging on this issue with Airservices and the community through the Hobart Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group. It will continue to advocate for the community and for continued improvements that will both allow for the vital services and economic drivers that the airport enables and a harmonious relationship with the community within a safe and regulated environment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Rockliff', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier