

## **Frequently Asked Questions & Answers**

**Q: Why does Sydney Airport need new and enlarged taxiways and new aircraft parking bays?**

**A:** The new and enlarged taxiways will allow aircraft taxiing to or from a passenger terminal to do so more efficiently, saving time and reducing emissions.

All airports need areas where airlines can park their aircraft once they've landed and passengers have exited into the terminal. This avoids the aircraft having to stay on the gate for extended periods of time. Due to increased demand, Sydney Airport is providing an additional six parking bays for larger aircraft types like the A380, B777 and B787.

**Q: How will the use of Sydney Airport's three runways be affected?**

**A:** The worksite is immediately adjacent to the east-west and main north-south runways. To ensure the safety of workers on the site and aircraft, the use of those runways will be affected. For example, subject to the approval of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, aircraft using the east-west runway will only be able to take-off to the west. No landings will be permitted. During the curfew, aircraft will not be able to take-off to the south on some nights and will instead use the parallel north-south runway.

**Q: How will aircraft noise change in areas around the airport while work is underway?**

**A:** The number of aircraft using the east-west runway will temporarily decrease and the number using the two north-south runways will temporarily increase.

The increase will be between one and six flights in total between 6am and 11pm, or 3–5%. Some flight paths will see no change in the number of flights or fall to zero.

**Q: Why will aircraft be using the parallel north-south runway during the curfew between 11pm and 6am rather than the main north-south runway?**

**A:** While work on the Project is being carried out adjacent to the main north-south runway during curfew, that runway can't be safely used between 11pm and 6am as now occurs. The Sydney Gateway road project and routine maintenance work on the runway will also prevent its use during curfew. This means the parallel north-south (or third) runway will be used instead. This will be for no more than 70 nights until 31 December 2023. This will also need to occur in 2024 although the number of nights is yet to be confirmed.

Commonwealth legislation has always allowed emergency Air Ambulance and a limited number of domestic freight and general aviation flights to operate on the main north-south runway between 11pm and 6am. The freight carried overnight is typically extremely time-sensitive or high value and includes Australia Post mail, food and perishables, radioactive isotopes and e-commerce.

**Q: How will aircraft noise during the curfew change in areas around the airport while work is underway?**

**A:** Temporarily using the parallel north-south runway during curfew means people living in Kurnell, La Perouse, Phillip Bay, Little Bay and parts of Botany will likely hear aircraft noise between 11pm and 6am. Currently, these areas are only minimally affected by noise as flights arrive and depart using flight paths which are further away from residential areas.

**Q: How can I get further information on this project?**

**A:** Contact Sydney Airport's Senior Adviser Government and Community Relations, Mr Ted Plummer, on:

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