

> Part A – Master Planning Context

Part A of the Bankstown Airport MP presents the key contextual aspects of the master plan as follows:

- Master Plan objectives;
- consultation process;
- historical site context; and
- operations & business context.

These key contextual issues are addressed in further detail in the following sections.





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4.1 Primary Objectives

The Bankstown Airport MP has four objectives as follows:

- to fulfil BAL's statutory obligations under the Airports Act 1996 (Part 5, Division 3, Sections 69 to 87) and the Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations 1997, dealing with the preparation and content of Master Plans. Preparation of the Master Plan in accordance with the relevant legislation will facilitate approval of the Draft Master Plan by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services (the Minister);
- to present BAL's long term (20 year) vision for the airport;
- to present BAL's objectives from the Master Plan; and
- to outline the principles driving BAL's proposed Development Concept for Bankstown Airport.

These four primary objectives are described in further detail below.

4.2 Statutory Obligations

The statutory requirement is for BAL to submit a MP to the Minister for approval by 15 December 2004. The DMP was submitted to the Minister on 13 December 2004.

In summary, the Airports Act 1996 requires the MP to:

- cover a planning period of 20 years;
- be reviewed every five years;
- specify the ALC's development objectives;
- assess the future needs of civil aviation users and other users;
- specify the ALC's proposals for land use and related development;
- include forecasts relating to noise exposure levels and the ALC's plans, following consultation, for managing aircraft noise intrusion above significant Australian Noise Exposure Forecasts (ANEF) levels;
- assess environmental issues and plans for dealing with these issues;
- be displayed for a period of 90 days for public comment;
- specify the date of approval of any relevant draft environment strategy; and

- satisfy particular requirements of the Airports Regulations 1997.

4.3 BAL's Vision for Bankstown Airport

BAL's vision for the Airport is driven by the need to generate value for shareholders whilst meeting the reasonable expectations of current and future users of the airport, other stakeholders and the broader community. The Vision Statement adopted by BAL is set out below:

“to meet the current and future aviation needs of Sydney and develop the aviation and property assets to attain maximum sustainable value”

BAL recognises that to deliver this vision, effective master planning, catering for aviation growth and property asset development is critical.

In achieving its vision for Bankstown Airport, BAL intends to communicate the significant role the airport plays in the economic development of Western Sydney. Bankstown Airport is already a significant contributor to the economy of Western Sydney. BAL aims to significantly increase the role Bankstown Airport plays in providing secure, stable and high quality jobs in the region.

4.4 BAL's Objectives

BAL's key objectives for the future development of the Airport are:

- providing a safe environment for all users, including commercial operators, employees, recreational users and members of the public;
- incorporating in all development, high standards of environmental sustainability and social responsibility;
- providing a level of security across the airport in line with government requirements;
- facilitating the efficient use of the existing aviation infrastructure;
- facilitating the growth of high value aviation activity through the provision of appropriate capacity;

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- improving sustainable value through the development of land surplus to aviation activity;
- developing within the planning framework appropriate flexibility so that BAL can grow and develop to reflect potential changes in aviation and non-aviation customer needs; and
- creating a process for ongoing communication with stakeholders and the wider community on all aspects of airport operations.

4.5 Development Concept Principles

The Development Concept for Bankstown Airport is presented in detail in Part B of this DMP. In addition to the objectives outlined above, the Development Concept reflects the adoption of a number of guiding principles. These principles are outlined in Section 11 and 16.