

# AIRCRAFT GROUND BASED NOISE

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Sydney Metro Airport - Bankstown investigates all and noise complaints associated with ground based activities. The Airport regularly communicates with its Customers about noise generation and the impact ground based noise has on the local community.

The Airport oversees the following issues and investigates concerns received from the local community in relation to these issues:

- Ground running of aircraft and aircraft servicing
- Mechanical plant and equipment
- Non-aviation industrial activities
- On airport road traffic
- Operation of fixed audible alarm or warning systems
- On airport construction activities

To register your concerns about ground based noise, please contact the Airport on 8709 9400.

# WORRIED ABOUT AIRCRAFT NOISE?

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Airservices Australia is responsible for the investigation of aircraft noise. Complaints regarding aircraft noise in relation to aircraft movements, can be raised with Airservices Australia on 1800-802- 584.

# FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM

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Sydney Metro Airport - Bankstown is implementing this initiative with the aviation community at the Airport. We recognise that ensure its success, we will need to undertake regular and sustained communications with aircraft operators, the community and other interested parties.

# FLY FRIENDLY

Fly Neighbourly Procedures



A voluntary  
Code of Conduct  
for pilots  
at Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FLY FRIENDLY  
PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.SYDNEYMETROAIRPORTS.COM.AU](http://WWW.SYDNEYMETROAIRPORTS.COM.AU)

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## SYDNEY METRO AIRPORTS - BANKSTOWN RECOGNISES AIRCRAFT NOISE IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR THE COMMUNITY CLOSE TO AN AIRPORT

Australian airports are heavily regulated by federal laws and regulations, and each airport must produce a range of documents such as Master Plans and Environment Management Plans which govern their daily operations. As part of the Airport Environment Strategy (AES) we made a commitment to produce a Noise Management Plan which we hope will assist the community to understand noise in general, noise at airports and noise management at Sydney Metro Airport – Bankstown. A key component of our Noise Management Plan is the Fly Neighbourly procedures. The Fly Neighbourly procedures are a voluntary Code of Conduct implemented with the support of the aviation community at Bankstown Airport. They have been developed to reduce aircraft noise impacts on the local surrounding community. In preparing our Fly Neighbourly procedures we have taken the time to speak with many aviation operators including flight training companies as well as fixed wing and rotary wing operators. This is to make sure the program is realistic and able to be implemented to deliver the outcome of minimising aviation noise impact on the community.

## HELICOPTER PROCEDURES

- Adopt and maintain best rates of climb, to minimise noise over residential areas, as soon as possible after take off
  - Maintain correct tracks after takeoff\*
  - Always look ahead and select the least noise sensitive route (try to avoid hospitals, schools and residential areas)
  - Fly above 500 ft, and try to be above 1,000 ft when flying over noise sensitive areas
  - Avoid blade slap
  - Vary your flight path especially during circuit training and when accessing visual landmarks.
  - Restrict low level training to designated approved areas
  - Conduct circuit training at the main helipad between 7.00am and 7.00pm (or last light, if earlier) Monday to Friday, between 8.00am and 6.00pm (or last light, if earlier) on Saturday, and between 9.00am and 6.00pm (or last light, if earlier) on Sunday\*\*
- \* Note: In line with CASA requirements  
\*\* Note: Airservices Australia requirements apply when this isn't practical

## FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT PROCEDURES

- Adopt and maintain best rates of climb, to minimise noise over residential areas, as soon as possible after take off
  - Maintain correct tracks after take-off\*
  - Reduce engine revs as soon as possible
  - Follow designated flight paths
  - Avoid flying over residential areas, hospital and schools when possible and when you do try to be above 1000ft
  - Conduct circuit training between 6.00am and 10.00pm Monday to Friday. During Daylight Savings, circuit training must finish by 10.30pm. On Saturday and Sunday, circuit training is between 7.00am till last light.\*\*
  - Keep circuits as compact as possible – don't fly wide circuits
  - Use the preferred runway direction 29, over the Georges River\*\*
- \* Note: In line with CASA requirements  
\*\* Note: Airservices Australia requirements apply when this isn't practical

## FLY FRIENDLY - FLY NEIGHBOURLY

Pilots and aircraft operating at Sydney Metro Airport – Bankstown must comply with a range of regulations and procedures stipulated by Airservices Australia and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) which include the En Route Supplement Australia (ERSA) and the Visual Pilot Guide. Noise Abatement procedures form part of these requirements.

In addition to these requirements, Sydney Metro Airport in consultation with a variety of airport users has developed these voluntary procedures to assist pilots to minimise their operational noise impact on the community. Naturally, the implementation of these voluntary procedures is subject to safety and operational considerations.

We salute the many pilots who currently Fly Neighbourly and hope the wider aviation community at Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown will embrace these procedures.

As part of our Fly Neighbourly Code of Conduct we are asking pilots of fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters to endeavour to practice the following principles.

