

MEDIA RELEASE

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Government To Ban Old, Noisy Freight Jets

From 1 September 2010 older, noisy jet aircraft will be banned from Australia's major airports, the latest move by the Rudd Labor Government to minimise the impact of aircraft noise on nearby communities.

This course of action was first foreshadowed in our aviation Green Paper (December 2008) and then restated as government policy in the aviation White Paper which I released last December.

Under the new regulation, the ban on older, 'marginally noise-compliant' jets such as Boeing 727s will be phased in.

From 1 July 2010, no new services using these types of aircraft will be allowed at Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Hobart, Darwin, Cairns, Gold Coast, Essendon, Newcastle (Williamstown), Avalon and Canberra airports.

From 1 September 2010, all existing services will cease at Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Perth.

For example, from September the noisy Boeing 727 freight plane that currently flies over thousands of houses in Sydney late on weeknights will no longer do so.

Marginally compliant aircraft are predominantly used in the air freight industry and have been an ongoing source of concern for residents around Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth airports.

These aircraft were certified to operate following modifications to meet aircraft noise standards issued in the 1970s. Most have been fitted with 'hush kits' which entitles them to a 'marginally compliant' rating under the 1977 regulation.

The new regulation also makes provision for a marginally compliant aircraft to operate in cases of emergency and, in limited cases, where a flight is in the public interest.

Airports and air freight operators have been advised of the Government's intention to have the new regulation in place by 1 July and my Department will work with industry to ensure its smooth introduction.

Marginally compliant Chapter 3 aircraft in Australia

The following tables summarise the movements of marginally compliant Chapter 3 aircraft at Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth Airports in 200809. It represents the expected number of annual movements that will be affected by the new regulatory requirements.

SYDNEY AIRPORT			
Aircraft	Average Annual Movements	Flights to/from	Schedule/Frequency
B727-200 (hushkitted)	392	Auckland*, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth	97% of movements were to and from Auckland , departing mainly on Mon through to Thurs between 22:00-23:00 with occasional departures on Fri & weekends between 09:30-15:00 and arriving mainly on Mon through to Thurs between 20:30-21:30, with some flights on Fri to Sun between 06:00-13:00.
Antonov AN-124, DC86	4	Auckland, Kuala Lumpur, Williamtown, Perth	Non-scheduled, ad hoc movements.
TOTAL	396		
MELBOURNE AIRPORT			
Aircraft	Average Annual Movements	Flights to/from	Schedule/Frequency
B727-200 (hushkitted)	12	Sydney, Launceston, Auckland, Brisbane, Kalgoorlie	Non-scheduled, ad hoc movements.
TOTAL	12		
BRISBANE AIRPORT			
Aircraft	Average Annual	Flights to/from	Schedule/Frequency

	Movements		
B727-100 (hushkitted)	169	Port Moresby, Honiara, Cairns, Darwin, Broome, Mount Hagen, Port Vila	Flights were mainly to/from Port Moresby. Departures were mainly on Wed and weekends between 08:00-12:30 and 15:00-16:30 with occasional flights on other weekdays. Arrivals were mainly on weekends between 13:30-16:30 and 17:00-20:30 with occasional weekday flights during the same time periods.
B727-200 (hushkitted)	28	Port Moresby, Auckland, Cairns, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Biak, Marshall Islands	There were 6 movements throughout the year to Port Moresby and 5 to Auckland, the main destinations. There were 4 movements each arriving from Cairns and Port Moresby for the year.
Antonov AN-124, DC86	4	Honolulu, Auckland, Taiwan, Williamtown	Non-scheduled, ad hoc movements.
TOTAL	201		

PERTH AIRPORT

Aircraft	Average Annual Movements	Flights to/from	Schedule/Frequency
B727-100 (hushkitted)	2	Medan	Non-scheduled, ad hoc movements.
B727-200 (hushkitted)	7	Brisbane, Kalgoorlie, Cairns, Singapore, Sydney	Non-scheduled, ad hoc movements.
Antonov AN-124	2	Maldives, Sydney	Non-scheduled, ad hoc movements.
TOTAL	11		

