

# Increase in air traffic

Residents are noticing an increase in air traffic over areas previously never overflown since the new Sunshine Coast Airport runway opened.

Flight Path Forum (FPF) will address these concerns and others on October 24 at the Peregrin Beach Community House.

Current October flight schedules list 13 passenger jet flights per week, but as COVID restrictions begin to ease, impacted communities can expect this number to grow to 17 to 18

flights, or more each day.

"Come along for an update on the Airservices Australia Post Implementation Review (PIR), what it means for the community and what you can do to help with the next steps," FPF spokesperson Vivien Griffin said.

Four Covid-safe sessions, with a maximum of 40 participants at each hour-long session, will be held. Residents are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment.

"I absolutely encourage all concerned residents to attend to learn about the real opportunities the PIR provides to achieve better outcomes," Ms Griffin said.

"Especially those in the most affected areas such as Marcus, Castaways and Peregrin Beaches, Coolum Ridges, Yandina Creek, Verrierdale, those around Lake Weyba and the hinterland communities.

"This is your opportunity to get involved and learn how everyone can contribute to

achieve better outcomes, in the most effective way."

Bookings can be made at Eventbrite by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/122472780383>.

If you have a query, or would like to be wait-listed for the event, contact [secretary@flight-pathforum.org.au](mailto:secretary@flight-pathforum.org.au)

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## Noosa councillors push for flight path fairness

Noosa councillors voted unanimously to provide \$5000 to Flight Path Forum toward the commissioning of an independent study into alternate Sunshine Coast flight paths.

At their General Meeting on Monday councillors also agreed to authorise Council's CEO to make representations to Airservices Australia (ASA) on the flight paths proposed review to ensure the process is fair, robust and allows genuine opportunities for the community to influence the outcome of the review. Both these recommendations are to be ratified at Council's Ordinary Meeting Thursday evening.

ASA have committed to undertaking a post-implementation review (PIR) of Sunshine Coast Airport flight paths in response to the recommendations of the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (ANO).

The ANO released its report in April 2020 entitled "Investigation into Complaints about the Introduction of New Flight Paths in Sunshine Coast" that was scathing of ASA's processes and consultation.

Council heard the scope and process to be used in the PIR will be the subject of a terms of reference that were key to ensuring it was undertaken in a fair and proper manner.

Council's CEO and community group representatives engaged with ASA to provide input into the terms of reference at a community engagement session on 19 September.

The CEO reported ASA acknowledged that it had a "trust deficit" with the community based on its community engagement processes to date and committed to working more closely with the community through this post implementation review.

ASA received significant feedback at that meeting about what the terms of reference



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should look like and how they should be developed.

They took on board a number of principles provided by the community groups and undertook to draft a community engagement plan as part of the terms of reference process and to consult with the community on this.

One of the most critical elements of the

post-implementation review will be the opportunity for community suggested alternative flight paths to be considered.

Flight Path Forum are proposing to commission an independent consultant at a cost of \$20,000 to develop a number of potential flight path alternatives which could be considered in this process.

Since the CEO prepared this report to Council, ASA have published a draft terms of reference.

They are currently being reviewed by the CEO who is consulting with Flight Path Forum and will co-ordinate a submission back to ASA. Feedback on the draft terms of reference are due by 1 November 2020.