# Airspace review – Pilbara Region, Western Australia

Overview  
We want your feedback on the draft report of the Pilbara region airspace review.

The airspace review, conducted by CASA’s Office of Airspace Regulation, evaluated the airspace within 100 nautical miles (NM) of Coondewanna airport (YCWA) from the surface to Flight Level (FL) 125. It also assessed the risks identified in safety incident reports provided by the air navigation service provider and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau.

**Background**In 2020 we sought feedback on the airspace around the Pilbara region to evaluate the fitness for purpose of the airspace. We produced a preliminary report of the Pilbara Region airspace in 2021, on which we also sought feedback.

This 2023 draft report of the Pilbara region airspace review is significantly different to the preliminary report. Additional consultation conducted when preparing the draft report helped us understand issues and enabled some matters to be actioned. This included establishing the Pilbara Users Forum and the publication of a Terminal Area Chart for the Pilbara region.

**Documents for review**Please read the draft Pilbara Region Airspace Review (August 2023) provided at the bottom of this page to help with your submission. We suggest you right click and open in a new tab or window.

# Why your views matter

We are seeking feedback on the suitability of the airspace within the Pilbara region airspace review in Western Australia.

We want to hear from as many Pilbara region airspace users as possible including FIFO operations, agriculture and tourism operators, local flying schools, aero clubs, and industry bodies.

Your feedback will help us to finalise the Pilbara Region Airspace Review.

We conduct regular reviews of Australian-administered airspace through the Office of Airspace Regulation.

Airspace reviews may be initiated based on information related to annual aircraft and passenger movements, aviation incidents and any feedback or information provided on issues related to airspace activity.

**Completing the survey**Please submit your comments using the survey link on this page.

If you would like to provide further feedback, please email [OAR@casa.gov.au](mailto:OAR@casa.gov.au) with the subject line *OP20/9 Pilbara Airspace Review.* Feedback submitted by email will be considered but cannot be published publicly without consent.

Further information about [airspace regulation](https://www.casa.gov.au/operations-safety-and-travel/airspace/airspace-regulation/airspace-change-process) and the [airspace change process](https://www.casa.gov.au/operations-safety-and-travel/airspace/airspace-regulation/airspace-change-process) is available on the CASA website.

**What happens next**Once the consultation has closed, we will:

* review all comments received
* make responses publicly available on the consultation hub (unless you request your submission remain confidential)
* publish a summary of the feedback received and outline next steps.

We will also publish the final report on our website, incorporating, where appropriate, feedback received on the draft airspace review.

Information about how we consult and how to make a confidential submission is available on the [CASA website](https://www.casa.gov.au/rules/changing-rules/how-casa-changes-rules).

To be notified of any future consultations, you can subscribe to our [consultation and rule making mailing list](https://updates.communication.casa.gov.au/link/id/zzzz5e8be6d10ee5b225/page.html?prompt=1).

# **Give Us Your Views**

Online Survey [This link is on the front page of the survey and takes you to the survey questions]

**Related**[This section is at the bottom of the front page on the Consultation Hub and contains all the links to other sites and documents related to this consultation]

**Related Documents**

* Draft Pilbara Region Airspace Review (August 2023)
* Pilbara Region airspace review area
* MS Word copy of consultation – Pilbara Region Airspace Review

# **Audience and interest groups**

**Audience**

* CASA staff
* CASA aerodrome inspectorate
* Air operators
* Pilots
* Air traffic controller/s
* Drone operators
* Traveling public / passengers
* Air traffic service providers
* Certified aerodrome owner/operator
* Unregulated aerodrome owner/operator
* Aerodrome owner/operators
* Unregulated aerodrome owner/operator
* Aerodrome industry consultants
* Aircraft owner/operator
* Holder of RPAS remotely piloted aircraft operator’s certificate (ReOC)
* Holder of RPAS and remote pilot licence (RePL)
* Commercial drone operator
* Recreational drone flyer
* Part 173 of CASR Instrument flight procedure designers
* Part 175 of CASR Aeronautical information service providers
* Operations Control/Flight Dispatch
* Air transport operations – rotorcraft (Part 133)

**Interest**

* Airspace and infrastructure

# **Page 1. Personal information**

## First name

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## Last name

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## Email address

*If you enter your email address, you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.*

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## Do your views officially represent those of an organisation?

## *(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

Yes, I am authorised to submit feedback on behalf of an organisation

No, these are my personal views.

If yes, please specify the name of your organisation.

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Which of the following best describes the group you represent?

*Please select all that apply*

Aircraft owner/operator

Aerodrome owner/operator

Pilot

Air traffic controller

Drone operator

Local resident or business

Other

Please specify “Other” if selected.

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# **Page 2. Consent to publish submission**

In order to promote debate and transparency, we intend to publish all responses to this consultation. This may include both detailed responses/submissions in full and aggregated data drawn from the responses received.

Where you consent to publication, we may include:

* **your last name**, if the submission is made by you as an individual
* **your responses and comments**

We **will not** include any other personal or demographic information in a published response.

Information about how we consult and how to make a confidential submission is available on the [**CASA website**](https://www.casa.gov.au/rules/changing-rules/consultation-industry-and-public).

Do you give permission for your response to be published?

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

☐ Yes - I give permission for my response/submission to be published.

☐ No - I would like my response/submission to remain confidential but understand that de-identified aggregate data may be published.

☐ I am a CASA officer.

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# **Page 3. Feedback**

We are seeking your feedback on all aspects of the draft report, including the recommendations or other matters not addressed in the draft report.

Please provide your feedback/reasons below.

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