

AVIATION STATE ENGAGEMENT FORUM**NSW & VIC AvSEF**

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TITLE	Albury Airspace Review
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CONSULTATION SUMMARY	The OAR is seeking input from members during the Albury Airspace Review 2021.
KEY ISSUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation will be conducted from 11 January 2021.• The airspace review area is within 25 nautical miles of Albury aerodrome reference point, from the surface to 8,500 feet above mean sea level.• Activity at Corowa and Holbrook will be included.• Stakeholders are invited to contact the OAR to assure interaction during the review.
FEEDBACK TO	The consultation will be open on the Consultation Hub.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil.

Background

Section 13 of the Airspace Act 2007 requires the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to conduct regular reviews of Australian-administered airspace. The Office of Airspace Regulation (OAR) is responsible for conducting these reviews on behalf of CASA.

The OAR determines the need and priority for an airspace review based on information related to annual aircraft and passenger movements, aviation incidents and any feedback or information provided on issues related to airspace activity.

The last published review of Albury by the OAR was completed in 2009.

Analysis of statistical information at Albury aerodrome shows that the annual number of air transport movements has decreased by 23% since 2011. Passenger movements have decreased 17% over the same period but visual flight rules movements have increased 53%.

Whilst recognising that safety is CASA's primary consideration, the OAR considers it appropriate to undertake an assessment of the airspace architecture and classification around Albury, review recommendations and issued identified within the previous airspace review of Albury, analyse recorded incidents and occurrences within the examined area and examine changes to aircraft activity operating within the Albury airspace area.

The airspace review will assess the suitability of the airspace from the surface (SFC) to 8,500 feet (ft) above mean sea level (AMSL) within 25 nautical miles (NM) of Albury aerodrome.

Objectives

The Airspace Review will assess:

- the recommendations made in the 2009 review and update or close these recommendations, as required;
- the nature of aviation activity around Albury;
- feedback from airport operators and airspace users;
- risks to and the need to improve safety for passenger transport (PT) operations;
- equitable access to the airspace for all airspace users;
- appropriateness of the airspace architecture (includes classification);
- appropriateness of the services and facilities provided by the air navigation service provider (ANSP); and
- surveillance capabilities and communication coverage in the review area.

The Airspace Review will consider events and data prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, unless relevant to the review as part of the objectives.

Scope

The scope of this Albury Airspace Review includes:

- assessment of risks to airspace users in the airspace within 25 NM of Albury aerodrome from surface to 8,500 ft AMSL;
- consultation with stakeholders to obtain information related to airspace issues around Albury aerodrome;
- an assessment of air routes and procedures to ensure they are efficient and fit for purpose; and
- analysis of any risks that may impact the safety of airspace users to determine the need for any changes to existing airspace architecture, services or procedures.

Aircraft operations above 8,500 ft AMSL, aerodrome facilities or developments, and surrounding infrastructure issues are outside the scope unless a significant safety issue on the airspace operations in the review area is found.

Airspace related matters that occur outside the 25 NM and below 8,500 ft AMSL review area may be included in the review, subject to the discretion of the OAR.

Consultation

From 11 January 2021 you will be able to provide your feedback on the airspace in the vicinity of Albury airport. The airspace review area is within 25nm of Albury airport, up to 8,500 feet above mean sea level.

To be notified when this consultation goes live, email oar@casa.gov.au or sign up to our [airspace and aerodromes mailing list](#). In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email CASA OAR.

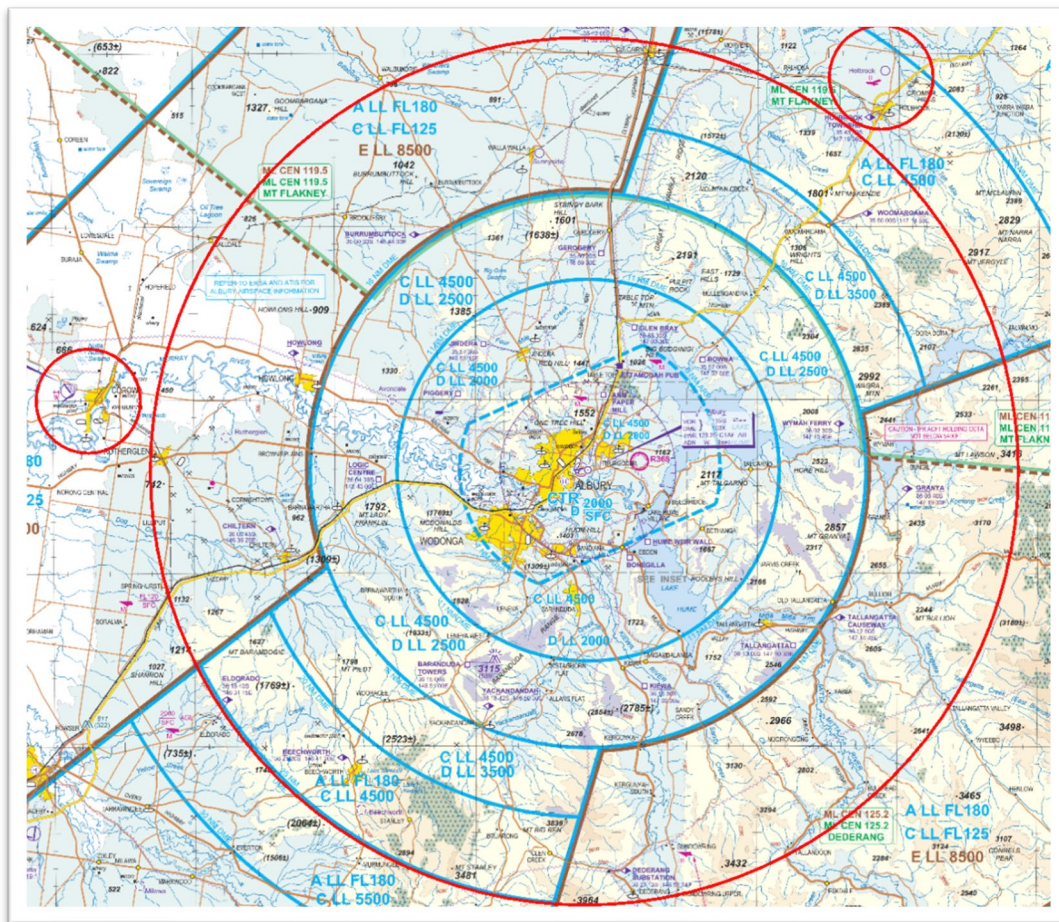


Figure 1: Albury Airspace Review 2021 area