

Preliminary Airspace Review Pilbara 2020

Overview

The Office of Airspace Regulation is conducting a review of the Pilbara basin in Western Australia.

The review will evaluate the fitness for purpose of the airspace within 100 nautical miles radius of Coondewanna airport (YCWA) from the surface up to Flight Level 180.

CASA is required to conduct regular reviews of Australian-administered airspace under the Airspace Act. 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.

Documents for review

A copy of the Terms of Reference for the airspace review within the Pilbara region is provided below. This includes a downloadable Word copy and PDF of this consultation for ease of distribution and feedback within your organisation. Please use the on-line consultation form for your response.

Unless an answer is required or mandatory, you can answer as few or as many of the questions as you like.

If you would like to provide further feedback, please email OAR@casa.gov.au. Feedback submitted by email will be considered but cannot be published publicly.

Further information about **airspace regulation** <<https://www.casa.gov.au/airspace/airspace-regulation>> and the **airspace change process** <<https://www.casa.gov.au/airspace/airspace-regulation/airspace-change-process>> is available on the CASA website.

Why we are consulting

We are seeking feedback to understand industry and community issues, observations or positions regarding safety, efficiency and improvements to the current airspace in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

It is anticipated that the review process will take approximately six months. The review document will then be released for final public consultation.

Introductory text

This consultation asks for your views on the airspace within the Pilbara basin in Western Australia within 100 nautical miles radius of Coondewanna airport (YCWA) from the surface up to Flight Level 180.

We will ask you for:

- **personal information**, such as your name, any organisation you represent, and your email address
- **your consent** to publish your submission
- **your responses** to questions about the airspace
- **any comments** you may want to provide
- **demographic information** to help us understand your interest in airspace reviews.

Unless an answer is required or mandatory, you can answer as few or as many of the questions as you like.

When you have completed the consultation, click the 'Finish' button at the bottom right of this page.

Personal information

1 What is your name?

Full name (Required)

2 What is your email address?

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

Email

3 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.

4 Which of the following best describes the group you represent?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Airservices Australia Aerodrome owner/operator
- Domestic passenger transport and freight operator Airspace user RAPAC
- CASA staff and other Government agencies Flying training organisations
- Other

Please specify if you have selected "Other".

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 will include:

- **your last name**, if the submission is made by you as an individual
- **the name of the organisation** on whose behalf the submission has been made
- **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/standard-page/consultation-process>> .

5 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.

Pilbara airspace review - general

6 Do you consider the current airspace safe?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No (please set out your reasoning below)
- Undecided / Not my area of expertise

7 Do you consider the current airspace efficient?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No (please set out your reasoning below)
- Undecided / Not my area of expertise

8 What issues, if any, do you have in this current airspace?

9 What solutions could you suggest for improving the issues listed in the previous question?

10 What issues do you have with overlying RNAV procedures at aerodromes in the Pilbara?

Pilbara airspace review - communications

11 Can you receive HF or VHF communications on the ground at the aerodromes in which you operate? Please state each aerodrome name in your answer.

12 At what altitude do you receive ATC VHF communications departing the aerodromes in which you operate? Please state each aerodrome name in your answer.

13 At what altitude do you become identified by ATC departing the aerodromes in which you operate? Please state each aerodrome name in your answer.

Pilbara airspace review - traffic

14 Do you encounter issues with VFR traffic in the region? If yes, please provide further information.

(Required)

Please select only one item

Yes No

15 During the wet season what are the biggest challenges you experience with traffic and airspace?

16 Can you foresee any issues with the lowering of Class E airspace to FL 125?

17 Would a Terminal Area Chart be beneficial for operations in the Pilbara area?

Please select only one item

Yes No

Pilbara airspace review - comments

18 Do you have any suggestions to improve the airspace or reduce risks in your operations in the Pilbara region?

19 To assist with future airspace planning, what is your business plan for the next 5 to 10 years in this region? *All information will be treated Commercial in Confidence*

20 Do you have any additional comments about the airspace surrounding the Pilbara?

(Please note, this should not include points you have already raised)