

# Air Force Fly Neighbourly Policy

## Minimising Aircraft Noise

Air Force is working with local communities to reduce noise impacts whilst balancing operational and training requirements.

Air Force commits to undertake flying operations in a manner which is considerate of our local communities, whilst maintaining safe operation of our aircraft and achieving the required levels of capability. Guided by these principles Air Force will:

- Comply with published airfield noise abatement procedures;
- Use appropriate runway length for departures to maximise height over local communities;
- Minimise the use of afterburner on fast jets during takeoff and minimise noise during climb out;
- Limit the speed of aircraft over populated areas;
- Minimise flight over residential areas and other noise sensitive buildings such as hospitals and schools;
- Avoid low flying over known noise sensitive areas such as livestock yards;
- Minimise flying late at night or early in the morning;
- Include aircraft noise awareness in pilot training and familiarisation; and
- Notify local communities of major exercises or other non-routine training and flying activities such as flying displays.

To further minimise noise at some bases Air Force will:

- Limit continuous circuit training at night and on weekends and public holidays;
- Use satellite airfields for repetitive aircraft circuits;
- Vary flight paths to share noise;
- Consider continuous descents to reduce noise;
- Implement local engine run-ups procedures; and
- Minimise jet or turbo prop engine testing at night.

For more information about the management of aircraft noise visit:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/aircraftnoise/>

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