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When will the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport open?	Western Sydney International is on track to begin operations in 2026.
Who is building the Western Sydney International Airport?	<p>The Australian Government is delivering the Western Sydney International Airport via a government-owned company, called Western Sydney Airport. The Government has committed up to \$5.3 billion to deliver the airport.</p> <p>Western Sydney Airport is responsible for building and operating the airport.</p> <p>Any questions about construction and operation of the airport should be directed to Western Sydney Airport via email on 1800 972 972 or on info@wsaco.com.au.</p>
When will the flight paths be available?	<p>The flight paths for Western Sydney International are currently being developed.</p> <p>The flight path design is a complex process and will take several years to complete.</p> <p>Before they are finalised, the proposed flight paths will be open for public consultation as part of the formal environmental assessment.</p> <p>Any questions regarding the approval process and flight path development should be directed to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Cities via wsu@infrastructure.gov.au.</p>
Will the noise contours change?	<p>The flight paths for Western Sydney Airport are currently being developed. The ANEC contours are not expected to change significantly from those exhibited in the 2015 EIS.</p> <p>A precautionary approach to residential and other noise sensitive development within the ANEC 20 and above contours has been taken.</p> <p>Any questions on the noise contours should be directed to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Cities via wsu@infrastructure.gov.au.</p>

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Why is there no curfew for Western Sydney International?	<p>Western Sydney International has always been planned to operate on a curfew-free basis. Very few airports around the world, including in Australia, are restricted by a curfew.</p> <p>The best way to protect the community from experiencing noise is through appropriate land use planning – this has been considered during the development of the WSAP, Draft SEPP discussion paper and Draft DCP currently on public exhibition.</p> <p>The application of land use planning controls place restrictions on the types of buildings that can be established in areas where aircraft noise will be highest.</p>
Has the airport's impact on the environment been considered?	<p>Yes, a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been undertaken for the airport.</p> <p>Finalised in 2016, the EIS assessed the concept design for Stage 1 of the airport, outlined in the revised draft Airport Plan, and addresses environmental considerations under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>.</p>
Will there be health impacts on surrounding communities from the airport operations?	<p>A health risk assessment was undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Statement. This found that the risk to human health was low. In examining the airport's potential impact on a range of health issues, such as air quality, water quality, noise and residents' sleep, the risks were found to be largely within acceptable national and international health standards.</p>