

# Community Aviation Consultative Group (CACG)



## MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, 24 March 2022  
**Time:** 09:00 – 12:00  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams

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### Welcome, Attendance and Apologies/Proxies

Chairman, Ron Brent, opened the meeting at 9:00am and welcomed members and observers to the November CACG meeting. The Chairman acknowledged the traditional owners of the various lands on which we were meeting, and on the attendees behalf paid respects to the elders past, present and emerging.

*Refer to attachment 1 for attendance/apologies.*

### 1. Consideration of Previous Minutes/Action List

#### 1.1 CACG meeting held 11 November 2021

The Chair sought feedback from members on the minutes from the 11 November 2021 meeting.

Lindy Smith advised that the PFAS and Airport presentations were not included in the minutes. **ACTION: Secretariat to add these two items to the minutes prior to Ron's electronic signature being added to the minutes.**

#### 1.2 Action List & Recommendations

*Refer to attachment 2 for full details.*

### 3. Air Quality Monitoring Update

#### 3.2 Tweed Waterways Report 2021

*Refer to: [Storymaps website](#)*

Tom Alleston – from the Tweed Shire Council went over key elements from the Tweed Waterways Report 2021. The report is designed for community use (not highly technical) and provides a summary overview of the water quality of the Shire.

- **Questions:**
  - John Hicks - Questioned the parameters and noted that PFAS is a concern for the CACG. He went on to note that it isn't included on the scorecard and asked how it feeds in.

- Tom Alleston - They measure the ambient water quality across the Shire. PFAS is a separate requirement, which requires a different monitoring system for specific analysis outside of the scope and scale of these works, which the TSC isn't set out to do.
- John Hicks - Wanted to know how the run-off from the airport into the waterways impacts the water quality rating.
  - Tom Alleston - advised if they wanted to really narrow in on the impact of the airport they would need to set up a specific program to monitor the airport. The program that TSC has is to monitor the entire catchment.
  - Norbert Benton - queried where the Cobaki monitoring sites are, and what the rating is.
  - Tom Alleston - advised where the monitoring sites were. Tom noted the grade for Cobaki and Terranora was A. Noting that it is a broad catchment area.
- Chris Cherry - noted the parameters of the water quality monitoring program.
  - Tom Alleston - reporting is aimed to be a quick summary to get a general idea of the environment.

### 3.3 Department of Environment & Science (Qld) Presentation

*Refer to Attachment 3 for full details*

Brenda Baddiley acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the water monitoring program is conducted and then provided a presentation on the Ambient Concentrations of PFAS in Queensland 2019-2020. She provided an overview of the online portal and the link to the report on the Department's website.

**ACTION: Brenda advised she was happy to send the links to Norbert, which Ron also requested.**

#### **Questions:**

- Larry Woodland - referring to a report commissioned from GHD and AsA, asked if the presence of PFAS in North Kirra could be included in the DES report and figures.
  - Norbert Benton - noted that that report was provided to DES. Norbert noted that it was likely excluded from the report as it is point source as compared to ambient levels. Point sources are not reported in this program.
  - Lindy Smith – Sought an understanding of why there are variations between wet and dry season reporting.
    - Brenda Baddiley - went through some of the data and tables and discussed some of the variations from rain. Brenda noted that conditions at each site are very site specific.
  - Lindy Smith - noted this report covers the surface water only.
  - John Hicks - noted the reporting template was very good and could be considered as a model for future reporting from Airservices or the Airport.
  - John Hicks noted that a healthy waterways grading is important and he would like to see an accessible report using these grading cards coming out of GC Airport. The mapping and visuals as per the healthy waterways report would be very useful for the Tweed River.

**ACTION: On behalf of the CACG Ron Brent requested that GHD look into options for PFAS reporting reflecting the template of reporting from the Qld Department of Environment and Science.**

## 2. Airservices Report

*Refer to Attachment 4 for full details*

Prema Lopez, Leanne Costin and Scott Stephens talked through the changes to air traffic movements and trends they have seen in since borders re-opened.

- RNP AR - Smart Tracking
  - Scott Stephens talked to the slide and noted it represents the increase in traffic and the fleet mix along with more crew training happening.
- ILS Usage reports have been provided to the ANACC Chair for distribution
- Noise Monitor Review
  - Airservices contractor has conducted onsite inspections in the last 4 weeks.
  - Prema Lopez provided the Committee with the next steps for the review process.
- Southern Operations Noise Investigation
  - This report is finalised and from an Airservices perspective, it has been closed out.

### Questions:

- John Hicks – asked if AsA could send through the link to the NAPS for members to review.
  - Prema Lopez confirmed they are submitted for inclusion in March and then published mid-year.
- Larry Woodland, Lindy Smith, Julie Murray and Bill Pinkstone all expressed their disappointment in the southern operations review.

**ACTION: Airservices Australia – to provide its presentation for inclusion with the minutes, and to provide the presentation to the previous meeting for inclusion with those minutes.**

- Noise complainants review.

### Questions:

- John Hicks - queried the NCIS process for complainant vs. complaint reporting process.
  - Ron Brent - provided context on the complainant vs. complaint approach as that was from his time as the ANO. He is happy meet with any members of the Group outside the meeting, to explain the process, which does not restrict the opportunity to lodge complaints.
- John Hicks - can the ILS usage report please be provided to CACG members immediately after it is provided to the ANACC?
  - Matt Bender - noted that the ANACC Secretariat sent the ILS usage reporting on 25/02/2022.

## 2.1 Airservices DSI Update

Julia Dunne – (Stakeholder Engagement for AsA) provided a brief update on the DSI, including an overview of the DSI process. This process will include an extra meeting of the CACG in early 2022 to run through the detail prior to commencing field works in June.

### Questions:

- Larry Woodland - provided feedback on his thoughts related to the detail from the DES update and asked if immediate action was required on the issue of some PFAS levels exceeding safe levels (noting the issue was particularly relevant to Kirra Beach).
  - Julia Dunne - noted the data outputs and the fact it might be more relevant to discuss with local environmental health.
  - Lindy Smith - queried why the 2021 monitoring was not presented to the CACG at the Nov-2021 CACG.
    - Norbert Benton - noted that GCA reviewed the report prior to it being issued. Due to timeframes of when it was received, it was likely that it wasn't ready for the community at the Nov CACG.
  - Lindy Smith - noted her feedback regarding the monitoring locations and a potential error in the detail.
  - Lindy Smith - provided an overview of her concerns with the data and sampling.
    - Ron Brent - noted there was quite a lot of detail in Lindy's overview. It might be beneficial for Lindy to summarise her comments in writing for GHD/AsA to respond.

**ACTION - Lindy to put her comments into an email to the Committee to add to the minutes. Julia also said she hopes to be able to go into the detail to ensure that they are meeting their obligations.**

**ACTION - AsA and GHD to respond to Lindy's queries.**

- Julia Murray noted that during the extra meeting with the CACG, referred to above, it would help to explain the ways GHD are conducting the assessment, and the process for endorsement by an external independent auditor.

**ACTION - Ron as Chair to follow-up with GHD, AsA and GCA on the issue of the response to any PFAS readings above recommended safe levels, especially in relation to Kirra Beach.**

## 4. GCA Update - Airport Developments

*Refer to Attachment 5 for full details*

Jared Feehely provided a general GCA update.

- February quieter month due to end of school holidays but now seeing numbers start to rise to pre-Covid domestic levels.
- Scoot recommenced flights to Singapore 14 Feb, Perth 16 March. Mid year, looking to relaunch Queenstown, Wellington, Christchurch and Launceston flights.



- Welcome back NZ - 02 March, reconnecting with family and friends from Auckland/NZ, enjoyable moments been witnessed by our community.
- Flood effects, 28 Feb worst flooding experienced in the last 10-15 years. Airport closed for 18 hours, 40 flights cancelled, impacting 13,000 passengers.
  - Drainage didn't fail, it was purely the quantity of water experienced which cut access from the runway to the apron.
  - Number of Westpac rescue services were facilitated that day.
  - Tue 1 March, wider airport community pulled together to do a FOD walk and mopped up water etc. Fire-fighters hosed down the larger debris left on the runway, with only minor damage experienced, with minor pavement issues to be fixed.
- STE Update: terminal structure now complete. Lendlease working on the inside fit-out.
  - Aerobridges are in the process of being commissioned and activated.
  - Loading dock goods entrance is underway along with the forecourt which will link to the Rydges Hotel.

#### ***4.1 Gold Coast Airport Master Plan Update***

*Refer to Attachment 5 for full details*

Liam Campbell provided members with an update on the Southern Entry project and GCA Master Plan Project due in July 2024.

- Liam Campbell noted work underway with TMR on the heavy and light rail alignment into GCA as this will provide a key piece of the ground transport strategy along with precinct.
- Aiming to have the exposure draft of the Master Plan available for initial review for early stakeholder consultation.
  - CACG will be consulted throughout the process.

#### **Questions:**

- John Hicks - Asked for Liam's commitment to work through the key issues identified in the CACG Strategic Work Program. Liam advised workshops would be set up around this.
- John Hicks - noted his concerns from the community around the light rail. Are passengers likely take the light rail from the airport to Surfers Paradise or be more inclined to take an Uber? Is there documentation that covers this?
  - Liam Campbell responded to say that GCA is only a stakeholder to the project. The Airport's role is limited to how it works on the airport site, and the access from the airport site. The Department of Transport & Main Roads are doing a corridor assessment, they haven't done the business case yet, which is likely to include the patronage figures.

## **5. Emergent Issues**

- Emergent issues were addressed under the other agenda items.

## **6. Material Correspondence**

*Refer to attachment 6 for material correspondence.*

### ***6.1 ANACC Report***

Matthew Bender summarised the last ANACC meeting, 24 Feb 2022.

- A first draft of the ANACC Strategic Work Program has been distributed and is awaiting feedback from John to finalise the document.
- QF Freight curfew permit outcome: the Department refused the request for a long term curfew movement permit for the Qantas freight flight.

### Questions:

- Lindy Smith - further to the CASA regulations around the landing threshold, requested that any relocation of the landing threshold goes through an MDP process.
  - Matthew Bender – noted that GCA will review the legislation and will abide by the legislative requirements.
- Bill Pinkstone - queried what the departure time for the QF Freighter was, and whether it would be moved to 22.40, noting the 9 hour crew rest period required by CASA?

Matthew Bender - confirmed GCA have been told the departure time remains at 2140, and GCA is not privy to the Qantas arrangements of managing crew rest periods.

- Bill Pinkstone - noted that the community wants the curfew one hour shorter to due to daylight savings and will present notice of motion for discussion at the next CACG.

### *6.7 - Lindy Smith Agenda Paper for freight*

- Ron Brent went through the paper briefly following which the meeting unanimously endorsed the three recommendations in the paper.

**ACTION - Chair to write to the Minister to present the three recommendations and to provide the agenda paper.**

- John Hicks - queried what the airport's position was on the recommendations.

**ACTION - Airport to provide feedback on its position on the recommendations.**

## 7. General Business

### *7.1 Strategic Work Program for the next meeting*

- Air Quality, Curfew, Master Plan.
- John Hicks - believes the Master Plan should stay as a standing item on the agenda.
  - Ron Brent - confirmed that that is the intent.
- Bill Pinkstone - noted that he has forwarded the Southern Operations Noise Investigation report on to the ANO.
- John Hicks acknowledged that he had received the Strategic Work Program from Matthew Bender.

### *7.2 Report provided by Larry Woodland*

- Larry Woodland provided an overview of the paper that he has submitted.
- Ron Brent provided feedback around some complexity included within this paper that he would like to clarify with Larry. Ron Brent also noted that the international community has moved away from LAmx modelling to ANEF equivalents.

- Ron Brent proposes that as part of his trip to the Gold Coast for the next CACG meeting he will meet with Larry to run through some of the detail in the paper to clarify some issues prior to it being presented to the full meeting.

**ACTION - Ron Brent to catch-up with Larry immediately prior to the next meeting to discuss Larry's paper.**

### *7.3 AFP Update*

Acting Superintendent/Airport Police Commander – Joshua Kinghorn introduced himself to the Committee members and gave members an update on AFP activities at GCA.

#### **Questions:**

- Peter Garrett - Questioned the Defence Department's flight corridor on the afternoon of Tue 22 March.
  - Matt Bender provided an overview of the event noting that they were US Air Force F16 aircraft that were undertaking diversion training to Gold Coast Airport.
- Ron Brent noted that the Airforce have a dedicated noise complaint hotline that is available to report complaints.

### *7.4 Next CACG Meeting – Thur 21 July 2022*

- CACG meeting on 21 July aims to be a face-to-face meeting at Rydges Hotel.
- Noted the Secretariat will be updating the contact lists and contact details prior to the next ANACC meeting and Ron requested people confirm their attendance prior to the meeting.

**ACTION – Secretariat to update contact lists.**

Chair thanked members for their participation before closing the meeting at 12:10pm.



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Melanie Layton	GHD
Greg Betts	
Scott Stephens	Airservices Australia
Julia Dunne	Airservices Australia
Megan Thomas	DITRDC
Nik Wahi	DITRDC
Tom Alleston	Tweed Shire Council
Brenda Baddiley	Department of Environment and Science
Joshua Kinghorn	AFP
Jacqui Cord	Tweed Shire Council
Brenda Baddiley	Department of Environment & Science
Janet Goodhew	
Jann Stuckey	Friends of Currumbin
Yasmina Dunbar	On behalf of Laura Gerber

## Apologies

Allan Morris	Southern Cross University
Giu Lohmann	Griffith University
Glyn Lewis	Australian Federal Police
Keiran Pehm	ANO
Laura Gerber	QLD Parliament
Michael Beckhaus	Airservices Australia
Michael Hart	QLD Parliament
NCIS Investigations	NCIS
Karrlyne Johnson	DITRDC
Rose Adams	Gecko Environment Council Association Inc.
David Stani	Qantas
Imogen Bird	GHD
Alex Redgrove	
Angus Hughes	GHD

Bruce Dowdall  
Jeffrey Godfrey

Airservices Australia  
Tweed Residents & Ratepayers Association

## Attachment 2: CACG Action List

### Open Action Items

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89	15/07/2021	GCA Master Plan	Request the airport provide an outlined program to consult with the CACG.	GCA	Ongoing	Ongoing – will be noted at each meeting
91	15/07/2021	Questions over 2019 and 2020 Airservices PFAS reports	Lindy Smith to present concerns directly to Airservices for response at or before next CACG.	Lindy Smith and Airservices	Concerns to Airservices by September 2021	
95	11/11/2021	PFAS Communication Email	Details of PFAS communications email address to be circulated.	GHD	Prior to next CACG	
97	11/11/2021	Air Quality	Invite Jacqui to present an update on the TSC AQM at the next CACG meeting (21 July 2022) regarding the draft GCA Air Quality Monitoring Report. Make an agenda item at the next meeting.	Secretariat	21/07/2022	
100	24/03/2022	Airport Quality	Draft GCA AQ Monitoring Rpt to be presented 1 month prior to next CACG mtg, with consultant to consider SWP, and anecdotal evidence of black deposits on rooves following increased flights.	Norbert Benton	21/07/2022	
101	24/03/2022	PFAS & Airport Presentations	Secretariat to add to the minutes prior to Ron's electronic signature.	Secretariat	21/07/2022	
102	24/03/2022	Ambient Concentrations of PFAS in Queensland 2019-2020	Brenda to send the links to Norbert.	Brenda Baddiley	21/07/2022	

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103	24/03/2022	Healthy Waterways Grading Report	GHD to consider providing a water quality report for GCA using the same grading cards as the Tweed report.	GHD	21/07/2022	
104	24/03/2022	Lindy's comments regarding AsA DSI update	Airservices to respond to Lindy's comment.	Airservices and Secretariat	21/07/2022	
105	24/03/2022	Kirra PFAS levels	Chair to follow-up with GHD, AsA and GCA around Kirra Beach PFAS levels.	Chair	21/07/2022	
106	24/03/2022	Agenda Paper for Freight	Chair to write to the Minister to cover these items and attach the agenda paper.	Chair	21/07/2022	
107	24/03/2022	Freight Curfew	Airport to provide feedback on its position on the recommendations in the Freight Agenda paper.	GCA	21/07/2022	
108	24/03/2022	Larry Woodland's Paper	Chair to discuss Larry's paper with him out of session to address some of the complexity within it.	Chair and Larry	21/07/2022	
109	24/03/2022	CACG Contact List	Secretariat to update the contact list.	Secretariat	21/07/2022	

#### *Closed Action Items*

No.	Meeting Date	Item	Requirement	Responsible Person	Completion Date	Status
34	07/11/2018	Air Quality Monitoring	Provide update at the next meeting on the results of the air quality testing.	Gold Coast Airport (Norbert Benton)	<del>04/03/2020</del> 15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - Norbert Benton to cover this in his presentation
50	06/11/2019	Air Quality Monitoring	Write to QLD & NSW health departments for further information on what the state governments are doing, or can do, to monitor emissions from aircraft at Gold	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Completed</b> - Chair to provide update

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			Coast Airport.			
59	06/11/2019	PFAS	Discuss with Airservices to see whether the CACG can meet with the successful tenderer for the DSI project.	Chair/ Airservices (Darrin Davies)	<del>04/03/2020</del> 15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - to listed items will be subsumed in further actions or covered off
66	04/03/2020	PFAS	Respond to <i>8.3 PFAS Contamination at Gold Coast Airport</i> paper along with questions submitted via the CACG Secretariat. Further to this coordinate for the successful tenderer to attend the next CACG meeting to address the Committee.	Airservices (Darrin Davies)	<del>08/07/2020</del> 15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - to listed items will be subsumed in further actions or covered off
68	04/03/2020	Departures over Kingscliff	ANACC report to provide update to the CACG on progress on the Departures over Kingscliff item.	ANACC Chair	<del>08/07/2020</del> 15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - reporting of the issue will remain item until resolved or no further action possible.
69	11/03/2021	Air Quality Monitoring	Chair to write to NSW and QLD Health Departments to conduct air quality monitoring departments. NSW EPA had a note out saying they would review their air quality monitoring programs.	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - Air quality monitoring followed up with government QLD government told it's a Airservices issue, no response from NSW.
70	11/03/2021	Terms of Reference	Chair noted endorsement of the revised terms of reference by members	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b>
71	11/03/2021	Airservices Australia Presentation Feedback	Committee to come back to the CACG email for feedback on provision of standard Airservices Australia data in their presentation. Information to be provided prior to 11 April to allow Airservices time to collate and report back to July meeting. Subject of email response to include "Suggested additions		15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b>



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			to Airservices Australia noise presentation”			
72	11/03/2021	Concerns for GHD Review	Chair asked that Lindy provide her concerns directly to GHD for review and considerations via <a href="mailto:PFAScomms@airservicesaustralia.com">PFAScomms@airservicesaustralia.com</a> GHD to respond directly to all submissions to confirm receipt.		15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b>
73	11/03/2021	Curfew exemption for the Qantas Freight service	Department to provide information that will be circulated to members on further detail on the exemption.		15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - Further correspondence and further action will be new
74	11/03/2021	Curfew exemption for the Qantas Freight service	Chair to write to the Department to note the committee's position that this permit should not be renewed.	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - Further correspondence and further action will be new
75	11/03/2021	Air Quality Monitoring	Air Quality Monitoring to be a named item on the next strategic work plan.		15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - to be covered under later item
76	11/03/2021	Curfew exemption for the Qantas Freight service	Chair to provide an update to members on the curfew freight service prior to 01 May 2021.	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - covered by earlier material
77	11/03/2021	Flights over Kingscliff	Chair to request from ANACC an assessment of whether international flights go over Fingal or Kingscliff.	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Closed - Duplicate</b>
78	11/03/2021	Letter to Airservices Australia CEO re Fiona Lawton	Chair to write to Airservices Australia CEO and send a copy direct to Fiona.	Chair	<del>15/07/2021</del> 11/11/2021	Chair has written to Fiona Lawton and CEO, chair to follow up with official correspondence. <b>Completed</b>
79	15/07/2021	Airservices Noise Monitoring Review	Members may provide comment on the review, CACG secretariat to keep record of all feedback correspondence and note	Members	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b>

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80	15/07/2021	Links to AirServices Engagement Information	Updates to relevant sites and information to be provided to Secretariat for distribution to members. Feedback is welcomed.	Airservices	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b> Information is available, if people are concerned about not receiving information discuss with Chair after meeting
81	15/07/2021	SWP to be provided to GHD	CACG Strategic Work Plan to be Provided to GHD.	John Hicks	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b> John Hicks to forward to Melanie Layton
82	15/07/2021	Access to 2018 AirServices PFAS Report	Investigate if report can be provided to secretariat for distribution.	Airservices	<del>15/08/2021</del> 11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b> Report was circulated 20 <sup>th</sup> July
83	15/07/2021	Process for release of the DSI report	Advice on the process to be followed in finalising and releasing DSI report.	Airservices	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b> - Covered as an agenda item
84	15/07/2021	Review of the 2019 and 2020 AirServices PFAS reports	Lindy will send review of 2019 and 2020 AirServices PFAS reports for distribution.	Lindy Smith	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b>
85	15/07/2021	Distribution of presentations	All CACG meeting presentations be circulated ahead of draft minutes.	Secretariat	15/7/2021	<b>Completed</b>
86	15/07/2021	Tweed Council Air Quality Monitors	Members to provide location suggestions for extra monitors directly to Jacqui Cord.	Members	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b>
87	15/07/2021	GCA Air Quality Monitoring	Response requested from the airport if an ongoing air quality monitoring program is possible. John asked whether the final report was circulated. Norbert provided an update on his action items.	Norbert Benton	<del>11/11/2021</del> 24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b>
88	15/07/2021	Draft GCA Air Quality Report	Draft GCA Air Quality Report to go to members for comment.	GCA and Members	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b> Replaced by item 96 and will allow for draft report to be out 4 weeks

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90	15/07/2021	DES Ambient PFAS Monitoring	DES to be invited to next CACG to present on its monitoring program. Brenda Baddiley presented the Ambient Concentrations of PFAS in Queensland 2019-2020 which provided an overview of the online portal and the link to the report on the Department's website.	Norbert Benton	24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b>
92	15/07/2021	Qantas freight Curfew Movements	Refer following issues to ANACC: Possibility of reforming the Curfew Regulations. Whether freight flights could be shifted to daytime. Whether flights could use Brisbane airport and road link.	Secretariat/ Matthew Bender	24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b> Part of ANACC meeting, minutes to be circulated when finalised
93	15/07/2021	ANACC minutes	Include CACG members in distribution of ANACC minutes. Ron proposes to remove this from the action list. This will be undertaken moving forward and can therefore update this item to completed.	Secretariat/ Matthew Bender	24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b>
94	11/11/2021	Curfew Flights	Chair to write to Federal Minister and local members regarding curfew flights.	Chair	24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b> following meeting
96	11/11/2021	Air Quality	GCA and Norbert to look into air quality in Kingscliff and how this related to SWP	Norbert Benton	24/03/2022	<b>Closed</b> (incorporated in item 100)
98	11/11/2021	Traffic Movement Plan	Traffic movement plan for Wollemi place to be provided.	Travis Callaghan	24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b> Document circulated 12/11/2021
99	11/11/2021	Air Quality	Request consultant preparing GCA Air Quality Monitoring Report to note anecdotal evidence of black material being deposited on roofs etc. with	Norbert Benton	24/03/2022	<b>Closed</b> (incorporated in item 100)

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97	11/11/2021	Air Quality	Invite Jacqui to present an update on the TSC AQM at the next CACG meeting (21 July 2022) regarding the draft GCA Air Quality Monitoring Report. Make an agenda item at the next meeting.	Secretariat	21/07/2022	
100	24/03/2022	Airport Quality	Draft GCA AQ Monitoring Rpt to be presented 1 month prior to next CACG mtg, with consultant to consider SWP, and anecdotal evidence of black deposits on rooves following increased flights.	Norbert Benton	21/07/2022	
101	24/03/2022	PFAS & Airport Presentations	Secretariat to add to the minutes prior to Ron's electronic signature.	Secretariat	21/07/2022	
102	24/03/2022	Ambient Concentrations of PFAS in Queensland 2019-2020	Brenda to send the links to Norbert.	Brenda Baddiley	21/07/2022	

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103	24/03/2022	Healthy Waterways Grading Report	GHD to consider providing a water quality report for GCA using the same grading cards as the Tweed report.	GHD	21/07/2022	
104	24/03/2022	Lindy's comments regarding AsA DSI update	Airservices to respond to Lindy's comment.	Airservices and Secretariat	21/07/2022	
105	24/03/2022	Kirra PFAS levels	Chair to follow-up with GHD, AsA and GCA around Kirra Beach PFAS levels.	Chair	21/07/2022	
106	24/03/2022	Agenda Paper for Freight	Chair to write to the Minister to cover these items and attach the agenda paper.	Chair	21/07/2022	
107	24/03/2022	Freight Curfew	Airport to provide feedback on its position on the recommendations in the Freight Agenda paper.	GCA	21/07/2022	
108	24/03/2022	Larry Woodland's Paper	Chair to discuss Larry's paper with him out of session to address some of the complexity within it.	Chair and Larry	21/07/2022	
109	24/03/2022	CACG Contact List	Secretariat to update the contact list.	Secretariat	21/07/2022	

*Closed Action Items*

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34	07/11/2018	Air Quality Monitoring	Provide update at the next meeting on the results of the air quality testing.	Gold Coast Airport (Norbert Benton)	<del>04/03/2020</del> 15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - Norbert Benton to cover this in his presentation
50	06/11/2019	Air Quality Monitoring	Write to QLD & NSW health departments for further information on what the state governments are doing, or can do, to monitor emissions from aircraft at Gold	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Completed</b> - Chair to provide update

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			Coast Airport.			
59	06/11/2019	PFAS	Discuss with Airservices to see whether the CACG can meet with the successful tenderer for the DSI project.	Chair/ Airservices (Darrin Davies)	<del>04/03/2020</del> 15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - to listed items will be subsumed in further actions or covered off
66	04/03/2020	PFAS	Respond to <i>8.3 PFAS Contamination at Gold Coast Airport</i> paper along with questions submitted via the CACG Secretariat. Further to this coordinate for the successful tenderer to attend the next CACG meeting to address the Committee.	Airservices (Darrin Davies)	<del>08/07/2020</del> 15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - to listed items will be subsumed in further actions or covered off
68	04/03/2020	Departures over Kingscliff	ANACC report to provide update to the CACG on progress on the Departures over Kingscliff item.	ANACC Chair	<del>08/07/2020</del> 15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - reporting of the issue will remain item until resolved or no further action possible.
69	11/03/2021	Air Quality Monitoring	Chair to write to NSW and QLD Health Departments to conduct air quality monitoring departments. NSW EPA had a note out saying they would review their air quality monitoring programs.	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - Air quality monitoring followed up with government QLD government told it's a Airservices issue, no response from NSW.
70	11/03/2021	Terms of Reference	Chair noted endorsement of the revised terms of reference by members	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b>
71	11/03/2021	Airservices Australia Presentation Feedback	Committee to come back to the CACG email for feedback on provision of standard Airservices Australia data in their presentation. Information to be provided prior to 11 April to allow Airservices time to collate and report back to July meeting. Subject of email response to include "Suggested additions		15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b>



No.	Meeting Date	Item	Requirement	Responsible Person	Completion Date	Status
			to Airservices Australia noise presentation”			
72	11/03/2021	Concerns for GHD Review	Chair asked that Lindy provide her concerns directly to GHD for review and considerations via <a href="mailto:PFAScomms@airservicesaustralia.com">PFAScomms@airservicesaustralia.com</a> GHD to respond directly to all submissions to confirm receipt.		15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b>
73	11/03/2021	Curfew exemption for the Qantas Freight service	Department to provide information that will be circulated to members on further detail on the exemption.		15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - Further correspondence and further action will be new
74	11/03/2021	Curfew exemption for the Qantas Freight service	Chair to write to the Department to note the committee's position that this permit should not be renewed.	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - Further correspondence and further action will be new
75	11/03/2021	Air Quality Monitoring	Air Quality Monitoring to be a named item on the next strategic work plan.		15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - to be covered under later item
76	11/03/2021	Curfew exemption for the Qantas Freight service	Chair to provide an update to members on the curfew freight service prior to 01 May 2021.	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Closed</b> - covered by earlier material
77	11/03/2021	Flights over Kingscliff	Chair to request from ANACC an assessment of whether international flights go over Fingal or Kingscliff.	Chair	15/07/2021	<b>Closed - Duplicate</b>
78	11/03/2021	Letter to Airservices Australia CEO re Fiona Lawton	Chair to write to Airservices Australia CEO and send a copy direct to Fiona.	Chair	<del>15/07/2021</del> 11/11/2021	Chair has written to Fiona Lawton and CEO, chair to follow up with official correspondence. <b>Completed</b>
79	15/07/2021	Airservices Noise Monitoring Review	Members may provide comment on the review, CACG secretariat to keep record of all feedback correspondence and note	Members	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b>

No.	Meeting Date	Item	Requirement	Responsible Person	Completion Date	Status
			it in committee correspondence.			
80	15/07/2021	Links to AirServices Engagement Information	Updates to relevant sites and information to be provided to Secretariat for distribution to members. Feedback is welcomed.	Airservices	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b> Information is available, if people are concerned about not receiving information discuss with Chair after meeting
81	15/07/2021	SWP to be provided to GHD	CACG Strategic Work Plan to be Provided to GHD.	John Hicks	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b> John Hicks to forward to Melanie Layton
82	15/07/2021	Access to 2018 AirServices PFAS Report	Investigate if report can be provided to secretariat for distribution.	Airservices	<del>15/08/2021</del> 11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b> Report was circulated 20 <sup>th</sup> July
83	15/07/2021	Process for release of the DSI report	Advice on the process to be followed in finalising and releasing DSI report.	Airservices	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b> - Covered as an agenda item
84	15/07/2021	Review of the 2019 and 2020 AirServices PFAS reports	Lindy will send review of 2019 and 2020 AirServices PFAS reports for distribution.	Lindy Smith	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b>
85	15/07/2021	Distribution of presentations	All CACG meeting presentations be circulated ahead of draft minutes.	Secretariat	15/7/2021	<b>Completed</b>
86	15/07/2021	Tweed Council Air Quality Monitors	Members to provide location suggestions for extra monitors directly to Jacqui Cord.	Members	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b>
87	15/07/2021	GCA Air Quality Monitoring	Response requested from the airport if an ongoing air quality monitoring program is possible. John asked whether the final report was circulated. Norbert provided an update on his action items.	Norbert Benton	<del>11/11/2021</del> 24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b>
88	15/07/2021	Draft GCA Air Quality Report	Draft GCA Air Quality Report to go to members for comment.	GCA and Members	11/11/2021	<b>Completed</b> Replaced by item 96 and will allow for draft report to be out 4 weeks

No.	Meeting Date	Item	Requirement	Responsible Person	Completion Date	Status
						before CACG
90	15/07/2021	DES Ambient PFAS Monitoring	DES to be invited to next CACG to present on its monitoring program. Brenda Baddiley presented the Ambient Concentrations of PFAS in Queensland 2019-2020 which provided an overview of the online portal and the link to the report on the Department's website.	Norbert Benton	24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b>
92	15/07/2021	Qantas freight Curfew Movements	Refer following issues to ANACC: Possibility of reforming the Curfew Regulations. Whether freight flights could be shifted to daytime. Whether flights could use Brisbane airport and road link.	Secretariat/ Matthew Bender	24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b> Part of ANACC meeting, minutes to be circulated when finalised
93	15/07/2021	ANACC minutes	Include CACG members in distribution of ANACC minutes. Ron proposes to remove this from the action list. This will be undertaken moving forward and can therefore update this item to completed.	Secretariat/ Matthew Bender	24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b>
94	11/11/2021	Curfew Flights	Chair to write to Federal Minister and local members regarding curfew flights.	Chair	24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b> following meeting
96	11/11/2021	Air Quality	GCA and Norbert to look into air quality in Kingscliff and how this related to SWP	Norbert Benton	24/03/2022	<b>Closed</b> (incorporated in item 100)
98	11/11/2021	Traffic Movement Plan	Traffic movement plan for Wollemi place to be provided.	Travis Callaghan	24/03/2022	<b>Completed</b> Document circulated 12/11/2021
99	11/11/2021	Air Quality	Request consultant preparing GCA Air Quality Monitoring Report to note anecdotal evidence of black material being deposited on roofs etc. with	Norbert Benton	24/03/2022	<b>Closed</b> (incorporated in item 100)

No.	Meeting Date	Item	Requirement	Responsible Person	Completion Date	Status
			increased flights within the draft air quality monitoring report.			



# Ambient concentrations of PFAS in Queensland 2019-2020



# Objectives of Ambient Program

- The primary objective of this program was to establish a PFAS baseline for Qld (55 sites, six rounds of sampling).
- The secondary objective was to collate existing ambient PFAS data collected in Queensland (45 sites).



# Sites

## Constraints:

- Existing DES Monitoring Sites
- Different Land use types (ALUMC)
  - Conservation
  - Agricultural
  - Intensive (Urban)
  - Forestry/grazing
  - Coastal/bay

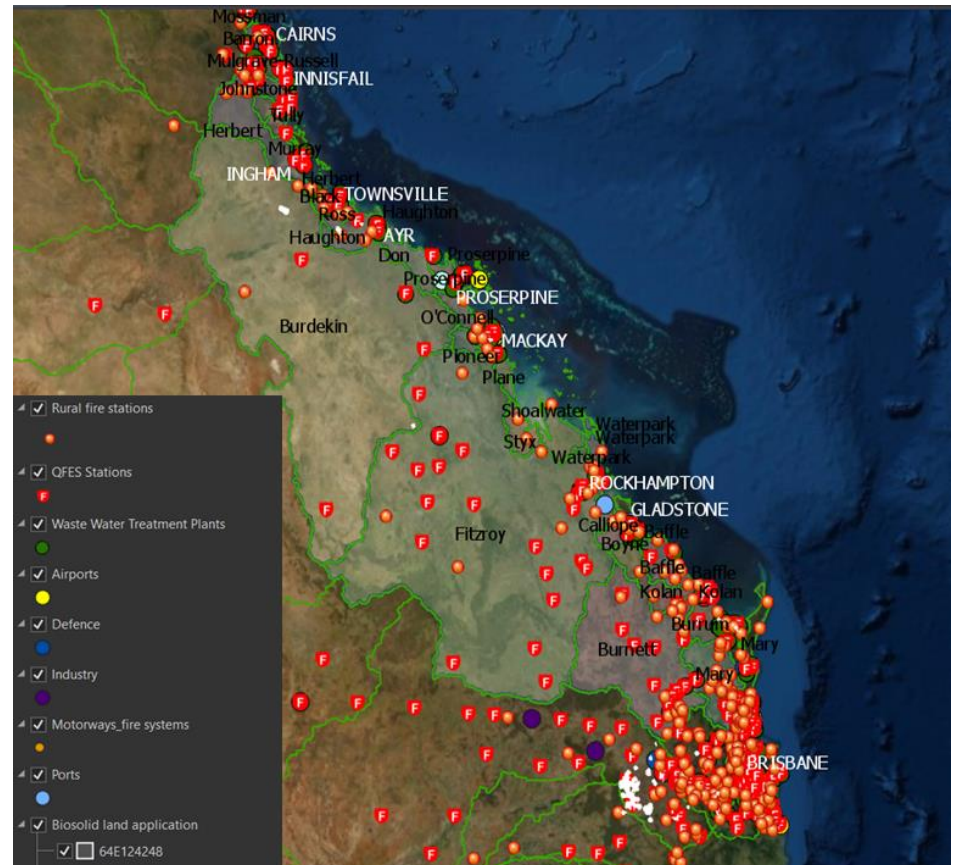




# Sites

Minimum distance from known source (>1km from point source):

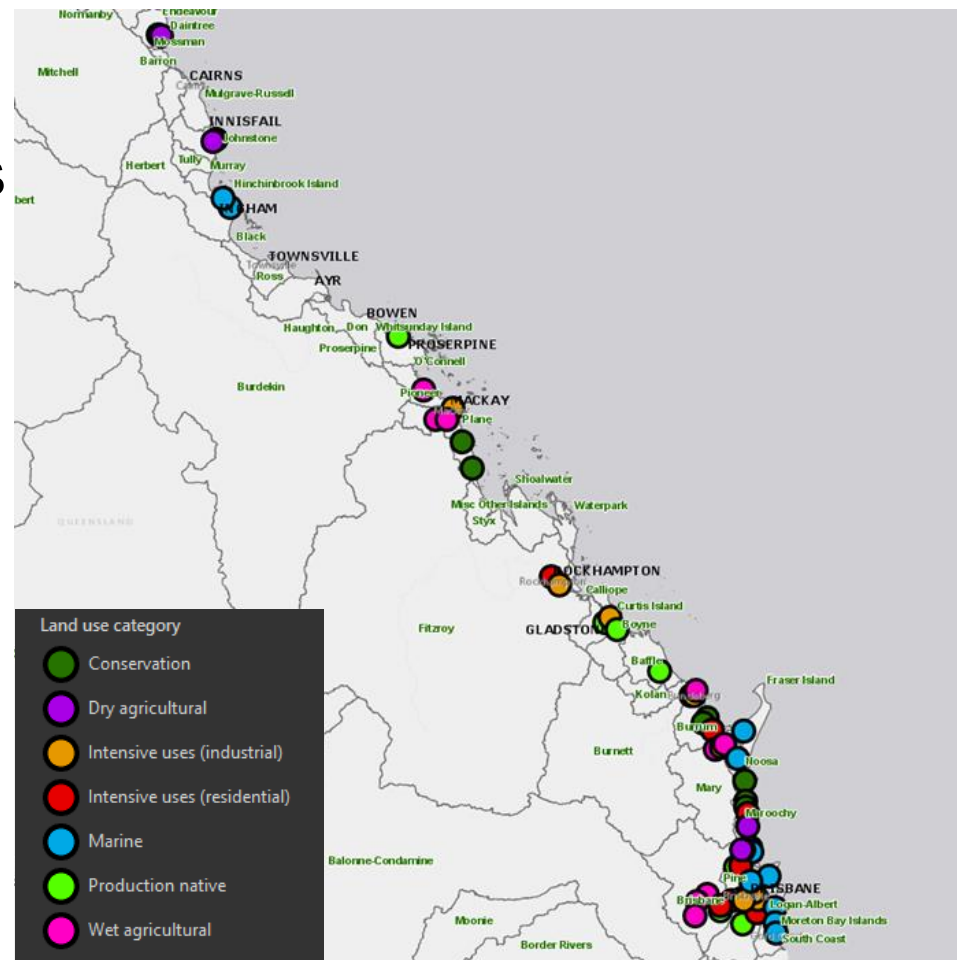
- fire stations (QFES and rural)
- waste water treatment plants
- airports and ports
- contaminated areas
- biosolid land application

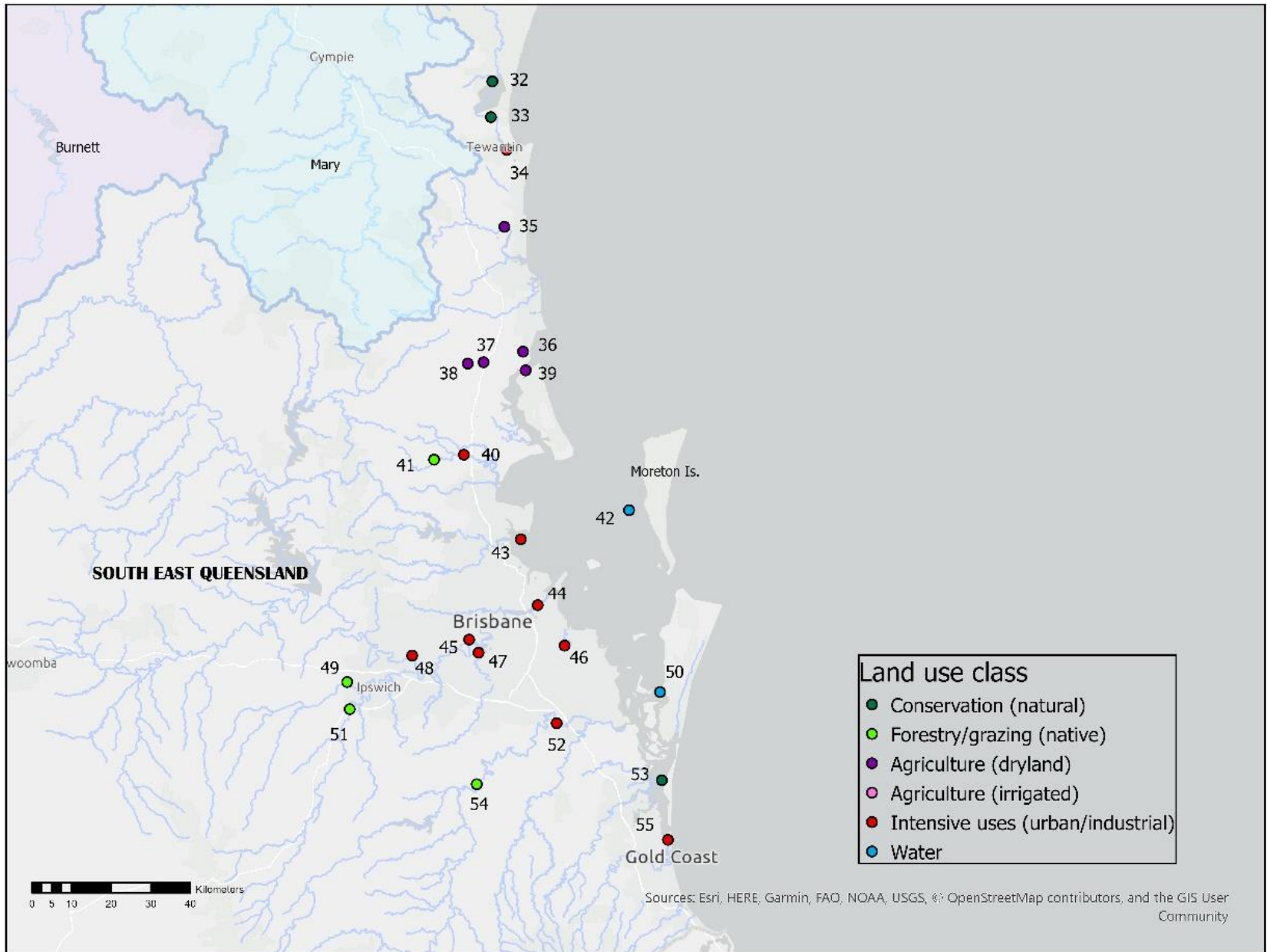




# Sampling

- 55 sites (Wet Tropics to Gold Coast)
- Sites sampled every 2 months for a year (6 rounds)
- 480 water samples collected
- 330 samples and 150 quality control
- 50 sediment samples (26 analysed)
- 150 biota samples (12 locations) – fish, invertebrates



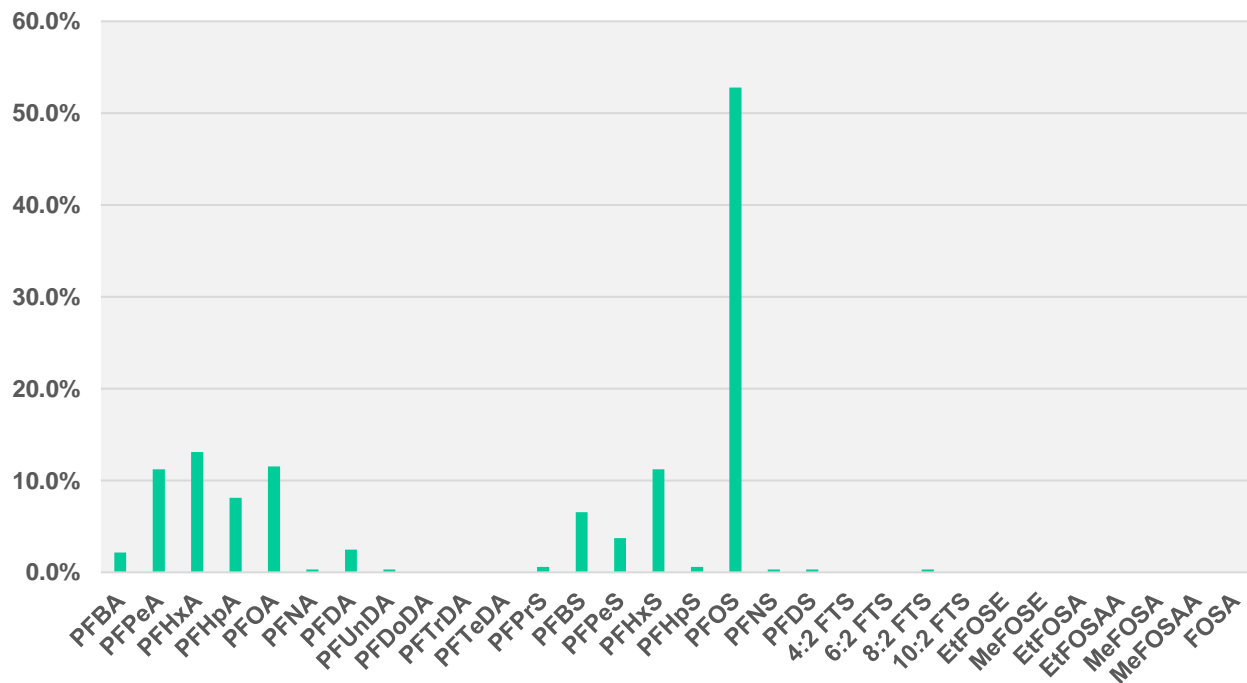


# Summary of results

- PFAS cannot be considered to be ubiquitous compounds in Queensland.
- Of the 55 ambient sites (sampled over a year), no PFAS were reported in any water sample collected from eight sites (15% of total)
- PFOS was the only PFAS found at around the LOR at 21 of the 55 sites (38% of total).

- Highest concentrations and variety of PFAS were found at urban sites
- Low or below LOR at agricultural, conservation sites

% of detections of PFAS in Queensland surface water samples



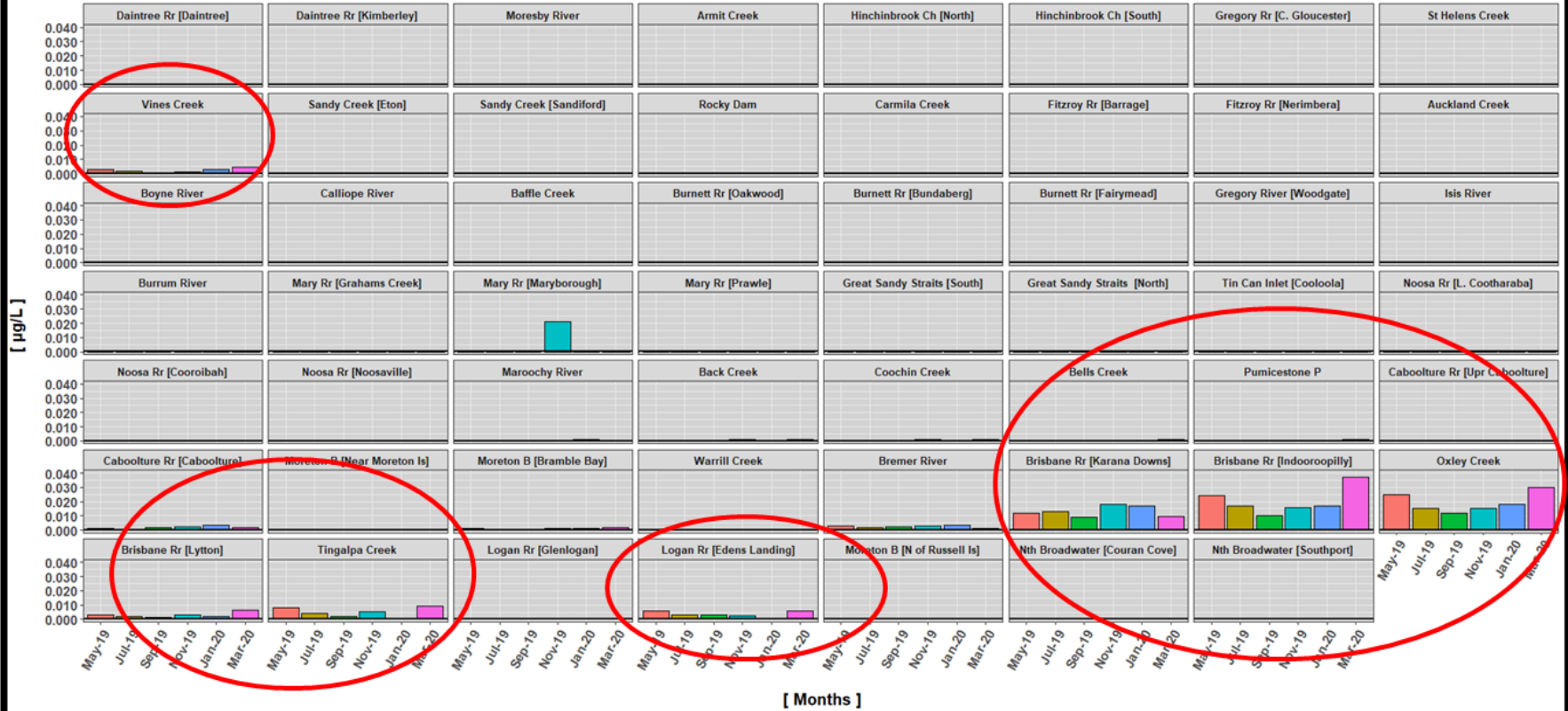
# Summary of results

- The TOP Assay showed there were no detectable precursors in the samples.
- PFAS only found at LOR in 4 of 26 sediment samples
- PFAS were measured in majority of biota sampled in this project at South East Queensland sites (targeted urban areas).



# PFOS

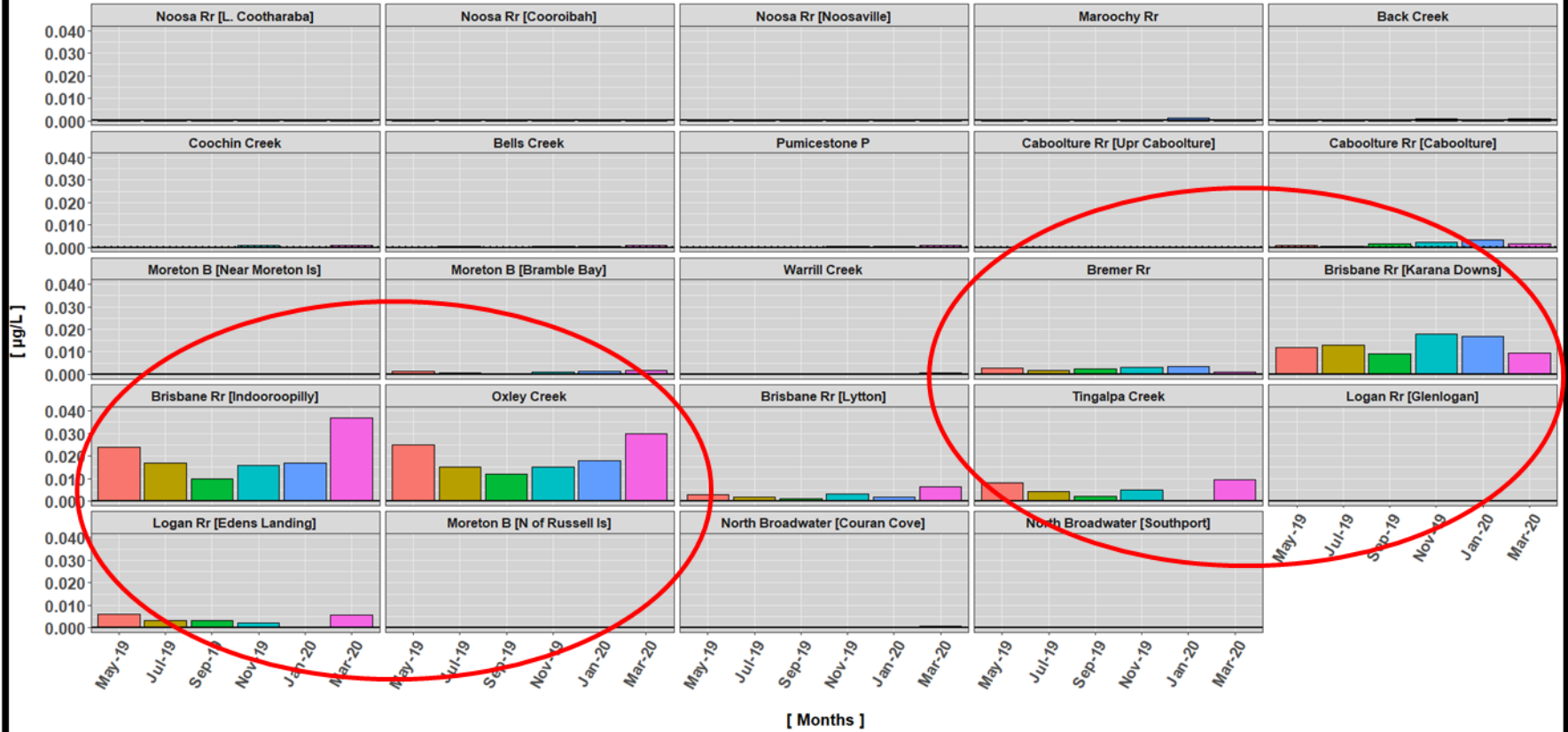
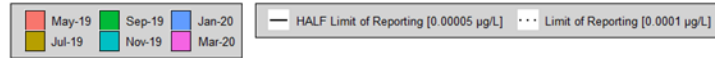
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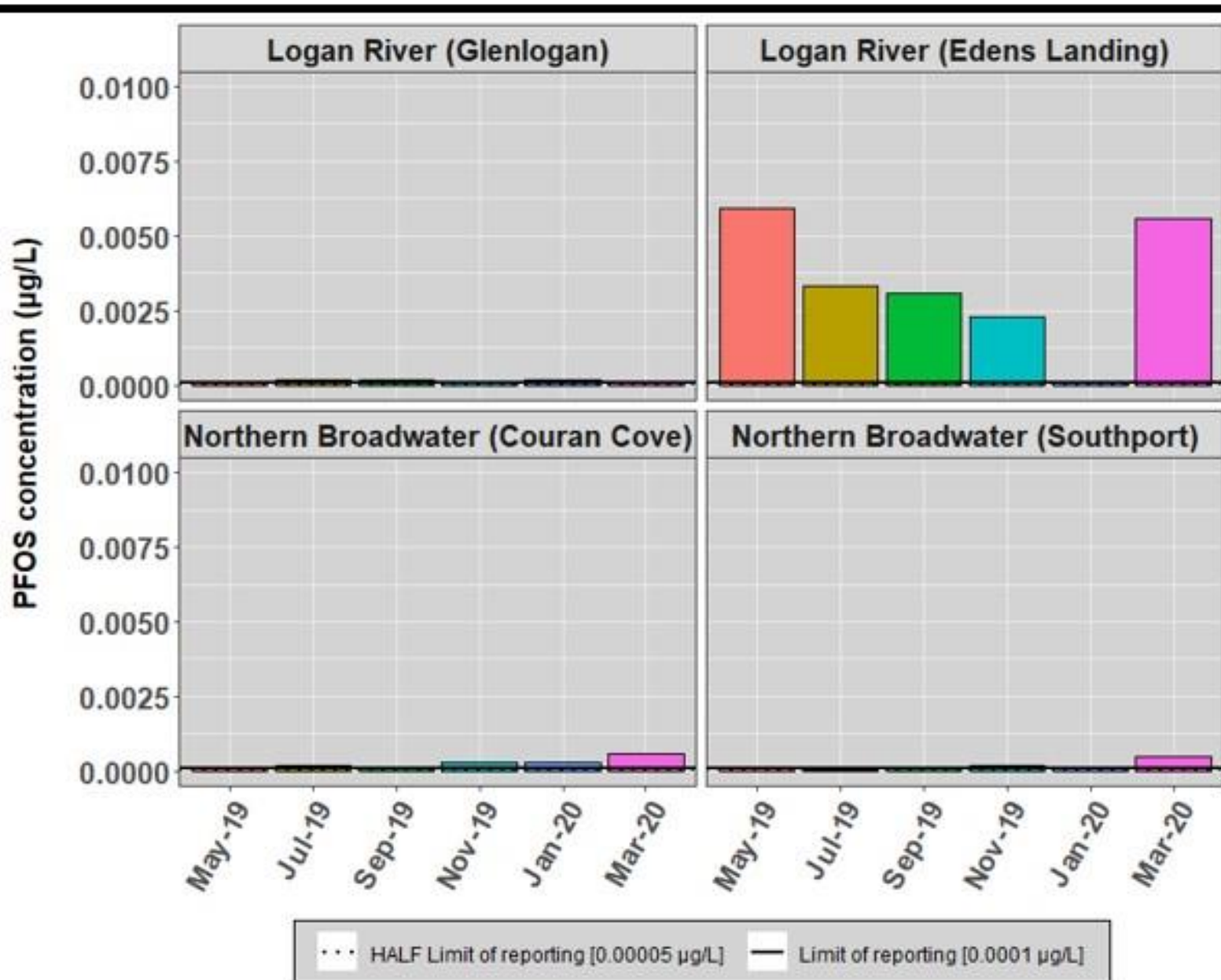


# PFOS

## Reported concentrations of PFOS in South East Queensland [ May 2019 - March 2020 ]



# PFOS



Median, range, geometric average, and frequency of detection (%) are reported. In cases where concentrations were below the LOR, half the LOR was used for the calculation of the geometric average and median values.

Logan and Gold Coast	PFPeA (LOR=0.001)	PFHxA (LOR=0.001)	PFHpA (LOR=0.001)	PFOA (LOR=0.001)	PFHxS (LOR=0.001)	PFOS (LOR=0.0001)
<b>Logan River (Glenlogan) (n=6)</b>	<LOR	<LOR	<LOR	<LOR	<LOR	0.0001 <LOR-0.0002 0.0001 50%
<b>Logan River (Edens Landing) (n=6)</b>	0.004 <LOR-0.005 0.0021 67%	0.003 <LOR-0.006 0.0025 83%	0.001 <LOR-0.001 0.0008 67%	0.003 <LOR-0.004 0.0020 83%	0.002 <LOR-0.002 0.0013 67%	0.0032 <LOR-0.0059 0.0018 83%
<b>Northern Broadwater (Couran Cove) (n=6)</b>	<LOR	<LOR	<LOR	<LOR	<LOR	0.0003 <LOR-0.0006 0.0002 67%
<b>Northern Broadwater (Southport) (n=6)</b>	<LOR	<LOR	<LOR	<LOR	<LOR	0.0001 <LOR-0.0005 0.0002 50%

Gold Coast	PFBA	PFPeA	PFHxA	PFHpA	PFOA	PFNA	PFDA	PFUnDA	PFDoDA	PFTTrDA	PFBS	PFHxS	PFOS	PFDS
<b>Cobaki Broadwater (n=22)</b>	<0.01	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	0.001 <LOR- 0.003 0.0011 4%	0.001 <LOR- 0.003 0.0012 29%	<0.002



## surface water

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/disasters/pfas/monitoring-program-report>

## Questions?



24 March 2022



AIRSERVICES UPDATE

# GOLD COAST CACG

# AIRSERVICES UPDATE

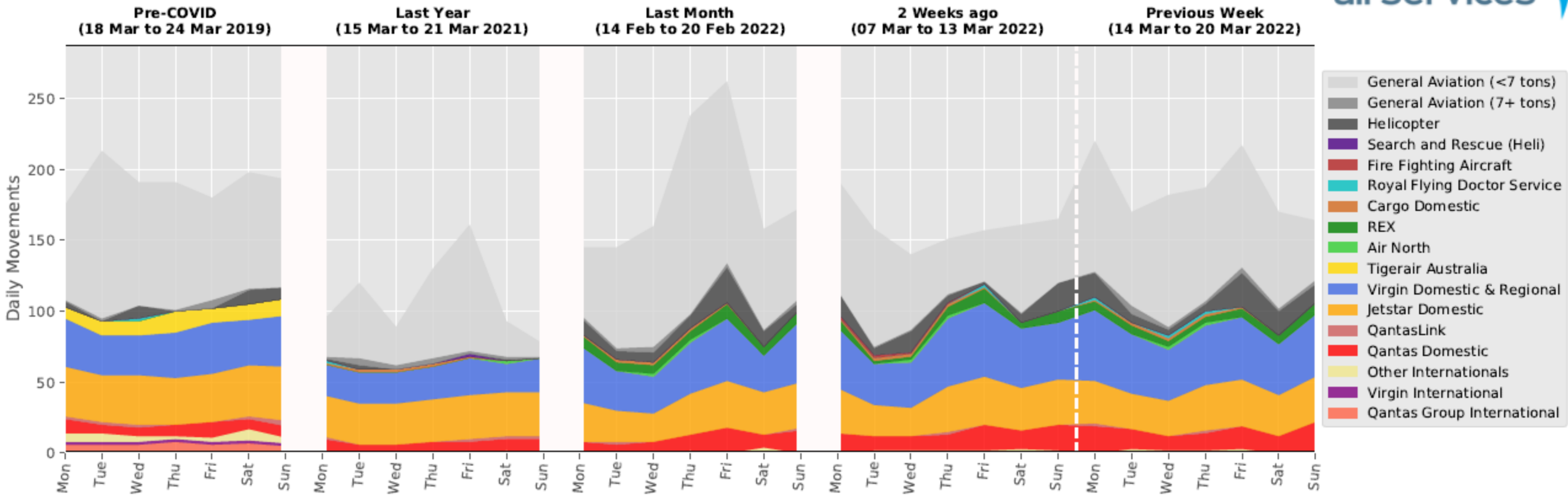
## ITEMS

- Operational Update
  - Air Traffic Movements
  - RNP use
- Review items
  - NAPS wording
  - ILS reporting
  - Noise Monitor Review
  - Southern Operations Noise Investigation Report
  - Noise complaints - Year in Review



# AIR TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS

## Daily Aircraft Movements: GOLD COAST AIRPORT (YBCG) ATC Tower and ARFF Station Location



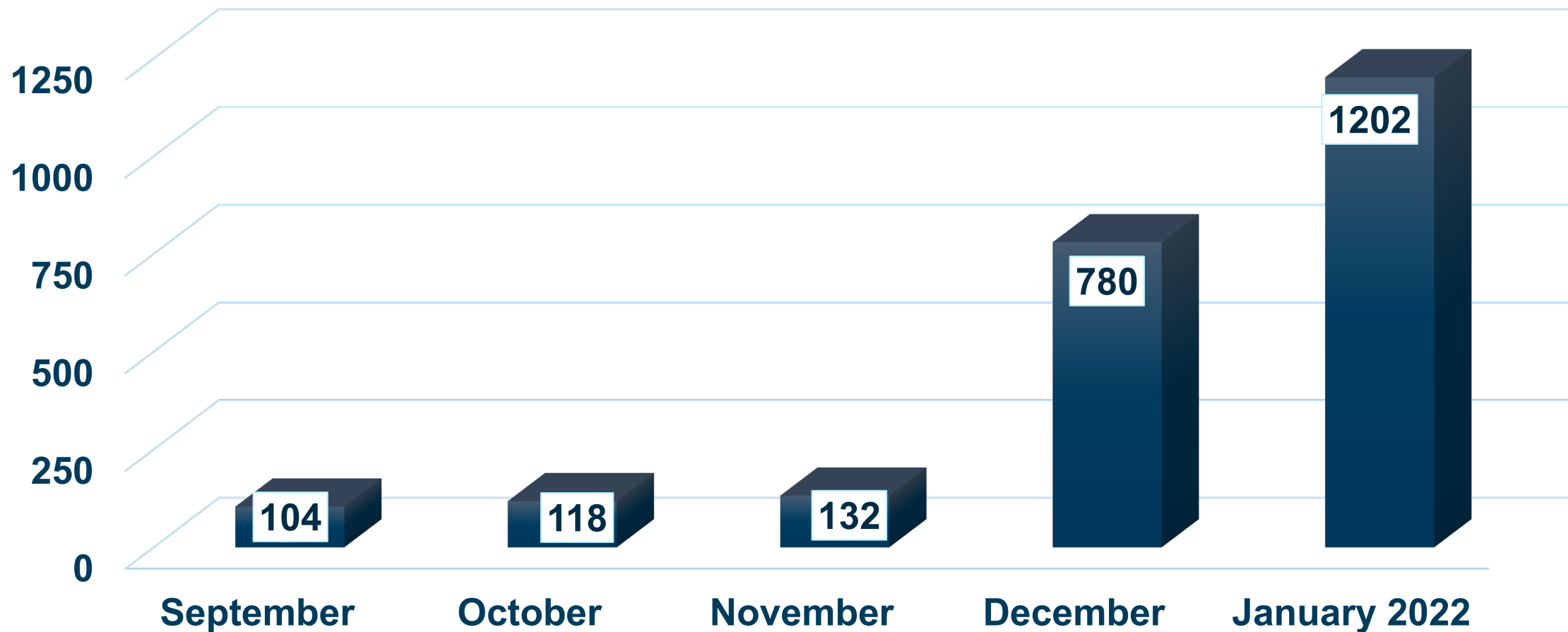
- Other Internationals are Foreign Airlines as well as Short Haul Internationals of Regional Airlines.  
- General Aviation (Light) does not include movements without Flight Plan.

Data shown via Stacked Area plots. The values of each group are displayed on top of each other. Movements exclude military and VFR without Flight Plan. All dates based on local times.

# RNP-AR SMART TRACKING

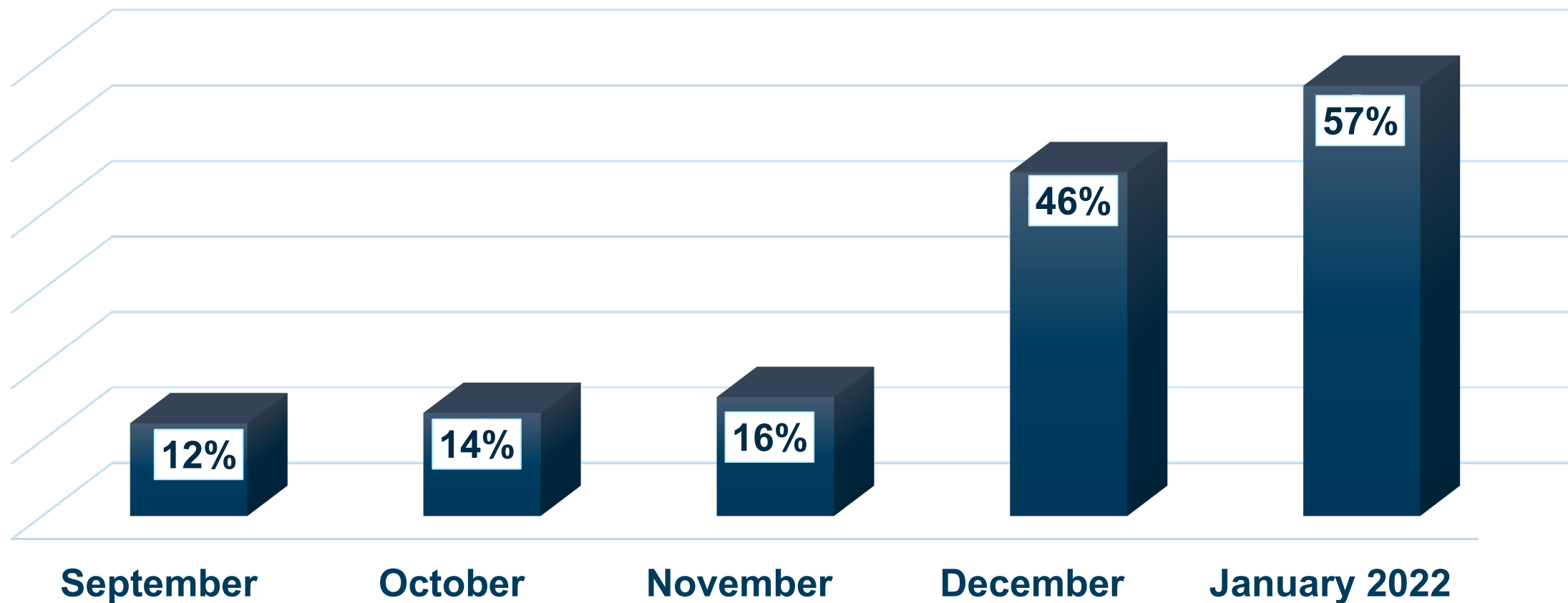
# RNP AR (SMART TRACKING) USE SEPT 2021 TO JAN 2022

## TOTAL NUMBER OF RNP FLIGHTS AT THE GOLD COAST



# RNP AR (SMART TRACKING) USE SEPT 2021 TO JAN 2022

## PERCENTAGE OF ALL RNP ARRIVALS

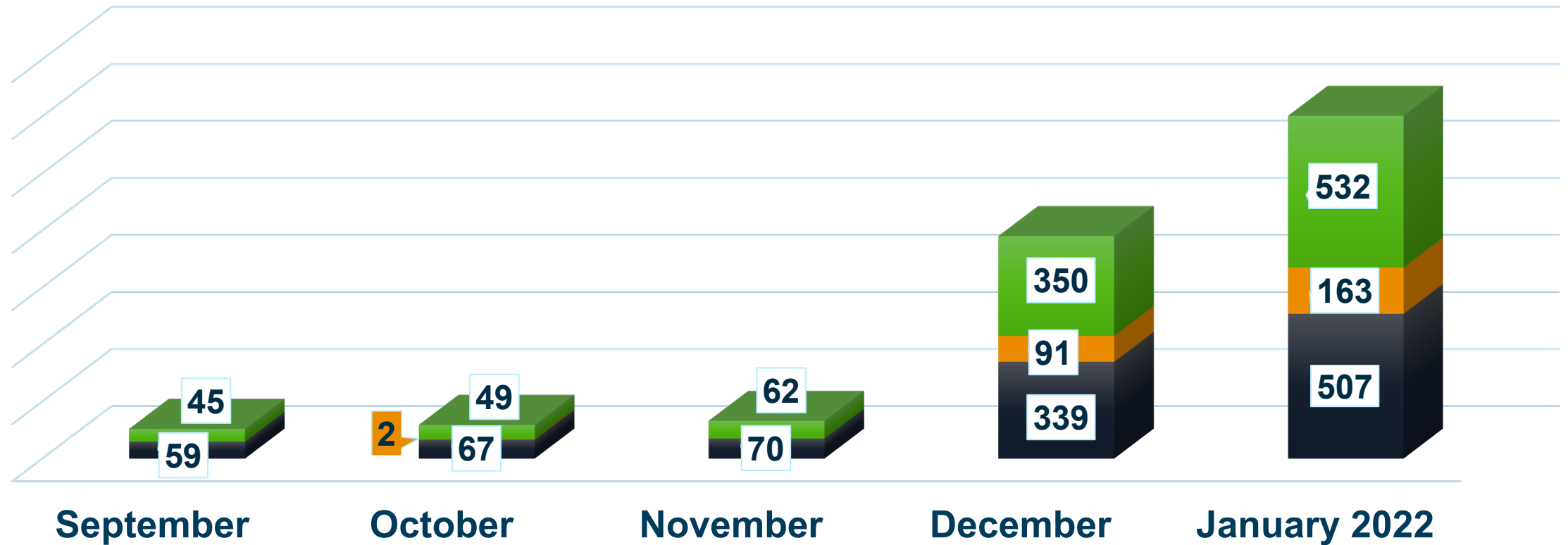




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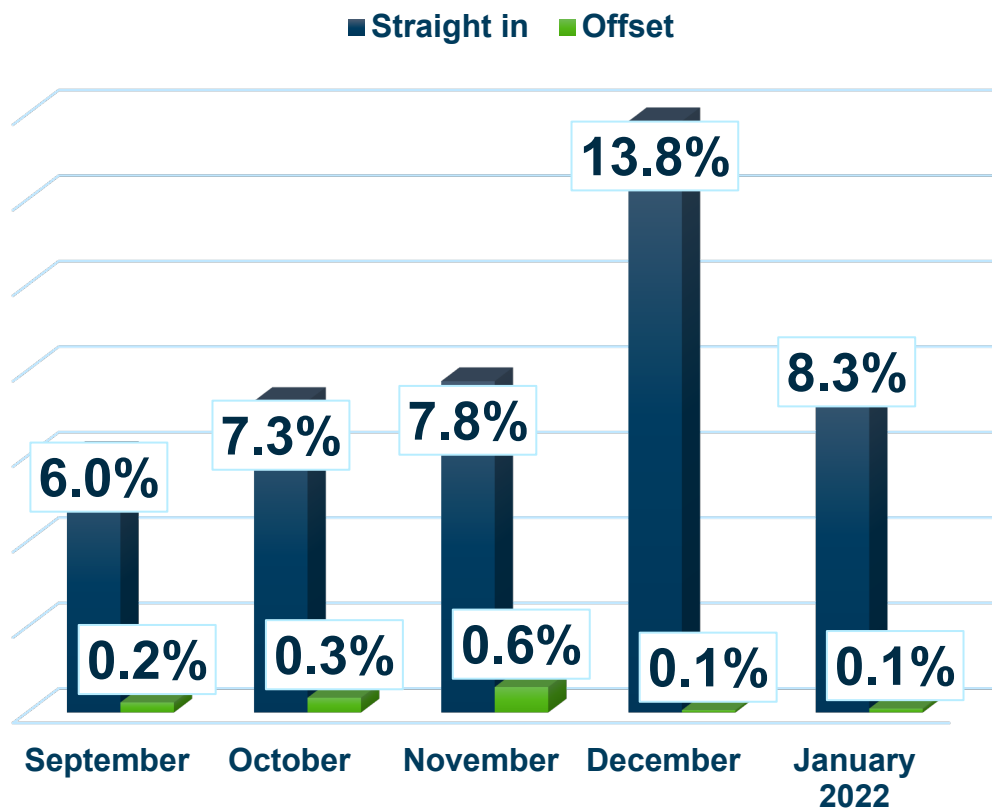
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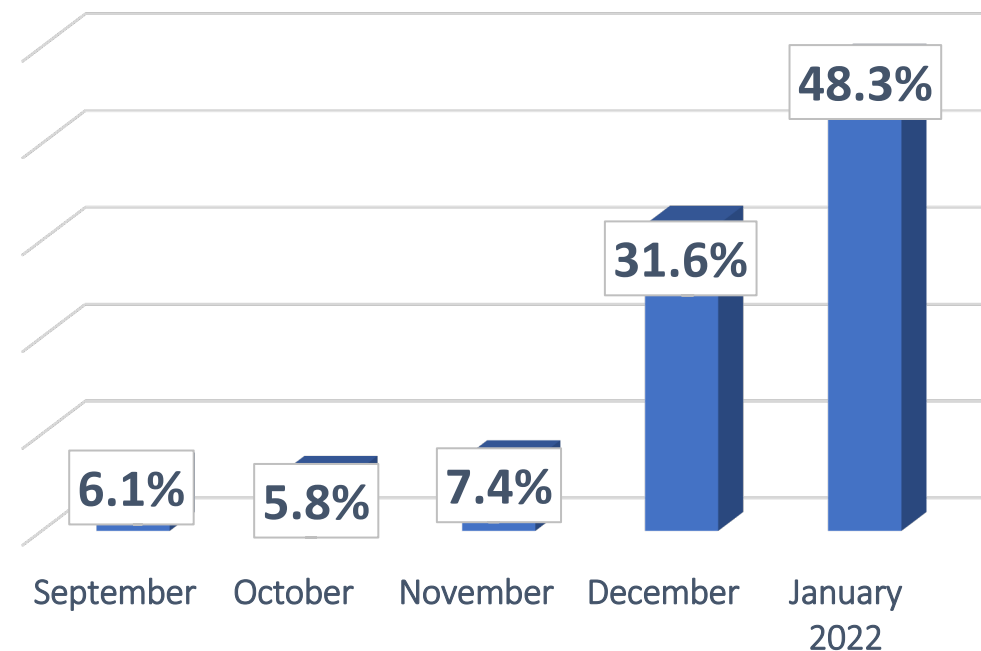


# RNP AR (SMART TRACKING) USE SEPT 2021 TO JAN 2022

## RWY 32 RNP USE AS A % OF ALL ARRIVALS



## RWY 14 RNP USE AS A % OF ALL ARRIVALS



# REVIEW ITEMS

# OTHER ITEMS

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## **NAPS wording update**

Update to the NAPs wording will be submitted as part of the next round of changes.

## **ILS Reporting**

ILS usage reports have been provided to ANACC Chair for distribution

## **Noise Monitor Review**

- Short term noise monitor: A temporary noise monitor has been installed in Miami and is available on WebTrak
- Permanent noise monitor: Location for the permanent monitor is pending site investigation. Brief has been provided to our consultants.

## **Southern Operations Noise Investigation**

The report has been finalised and will be published on our Engage page.

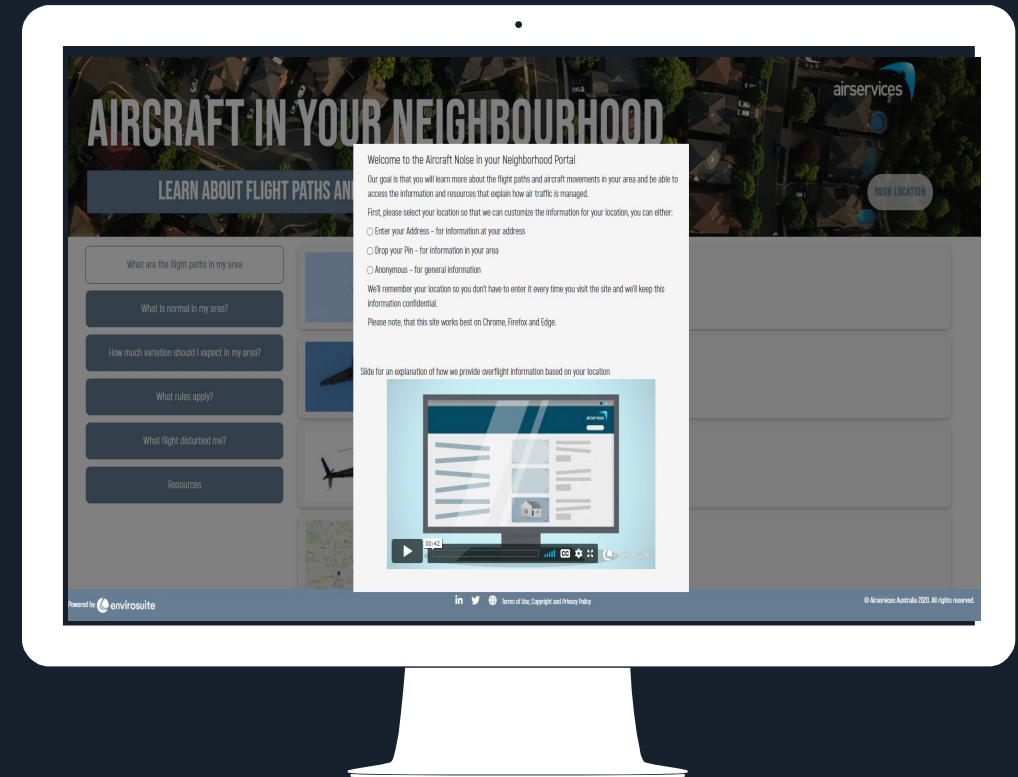
# NOISE COMPLAINTS — YEAR IN REVIEW

# ONLINE NOISE REPORT

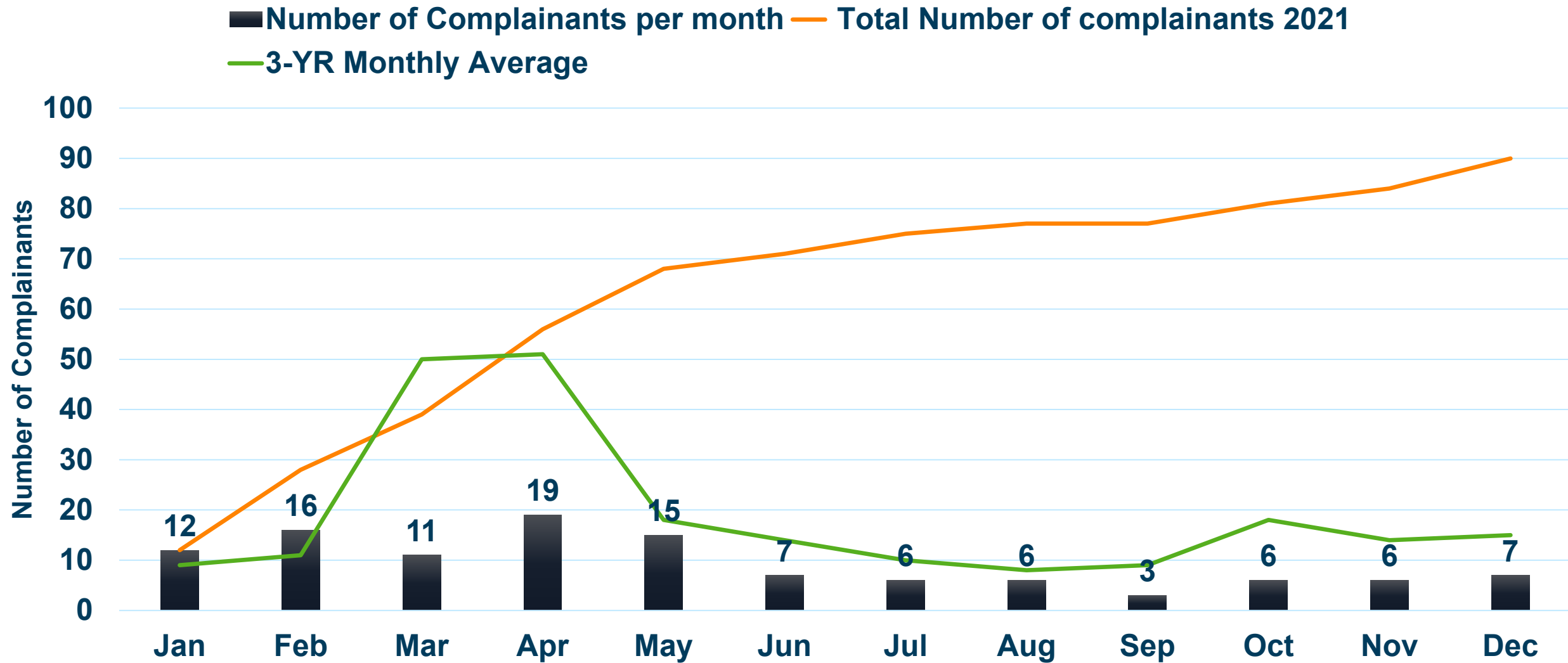
- Available on our website at:

<https://aircraftnoise.airservicesaustralia.com/>

- Enter your address or select Gold Coast Coast
- What flight disturbed me and Gold Coast Coast complaints report
- 2021 and Jan available

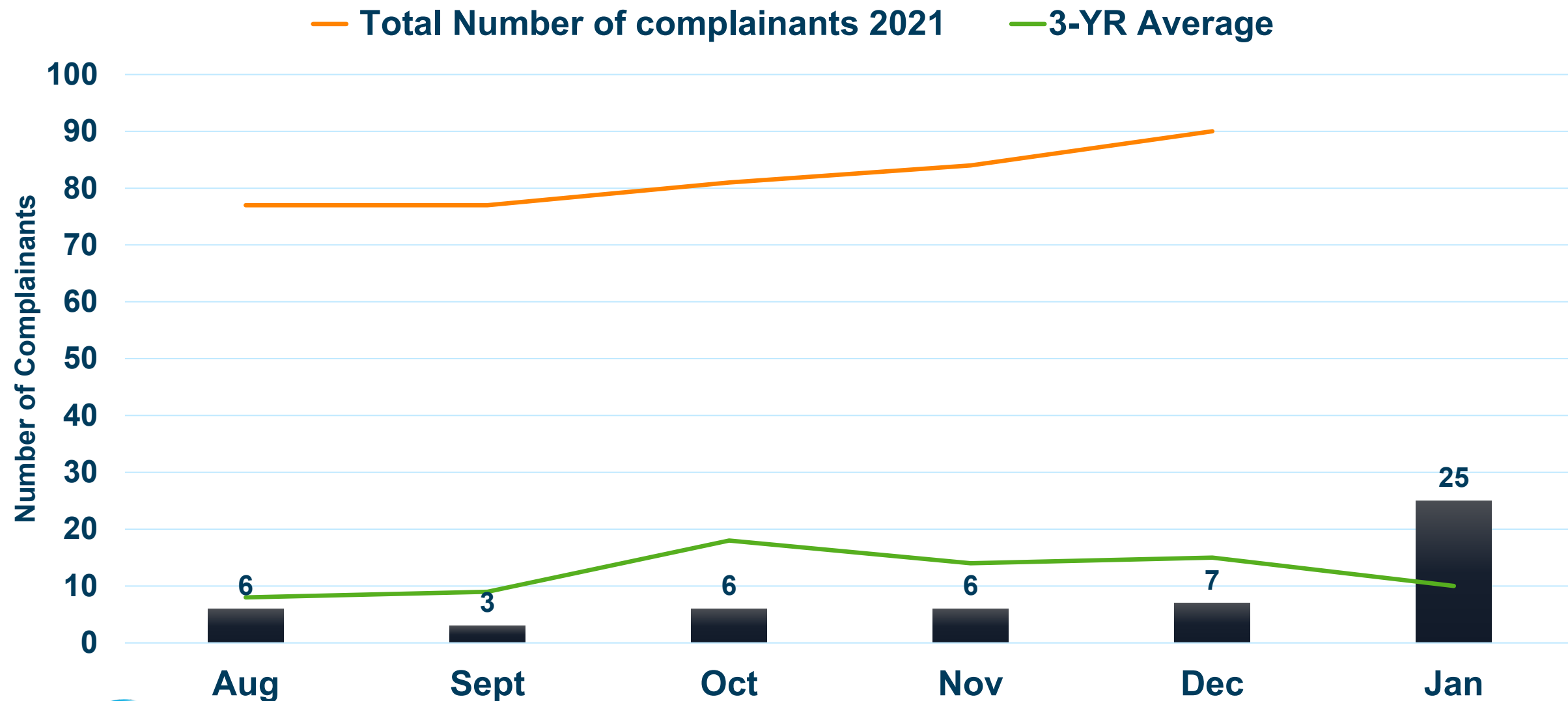


# COMPLAINANTS - 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

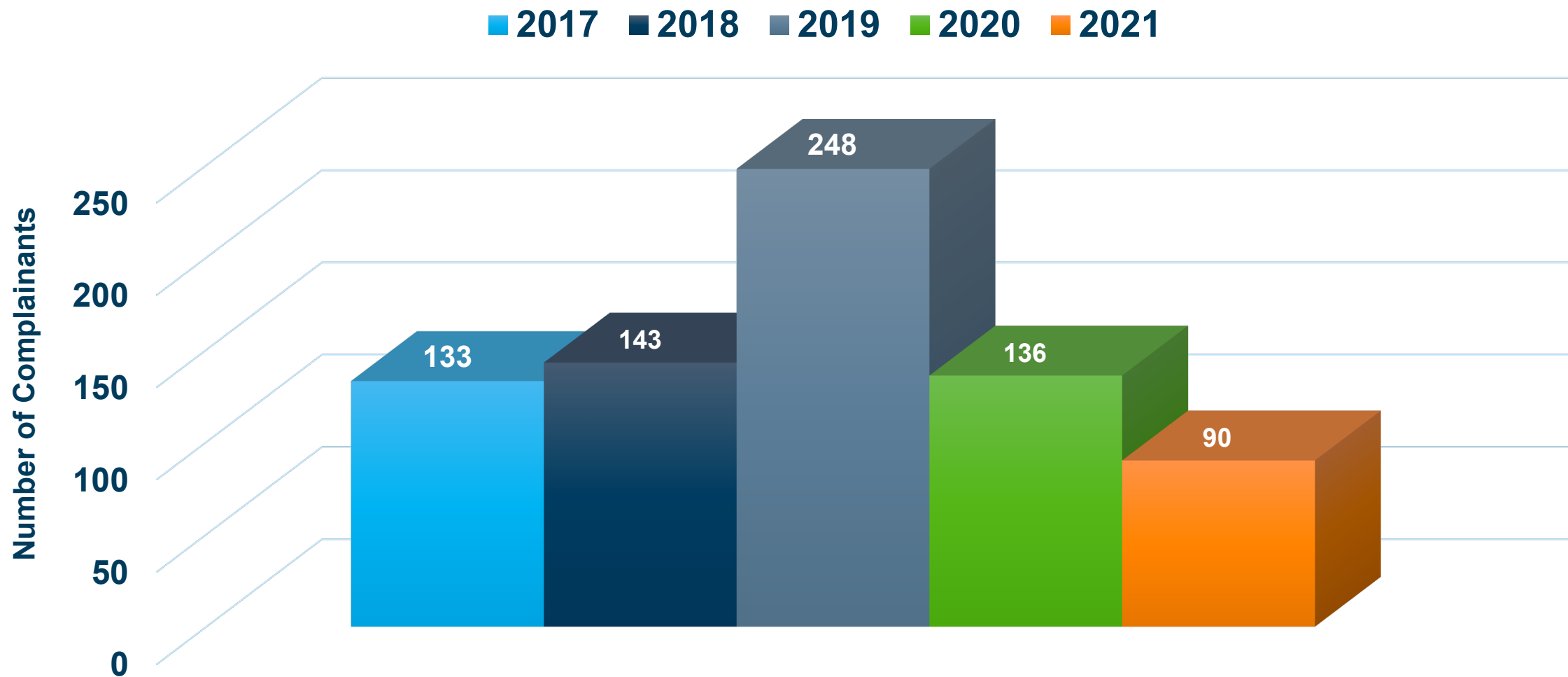




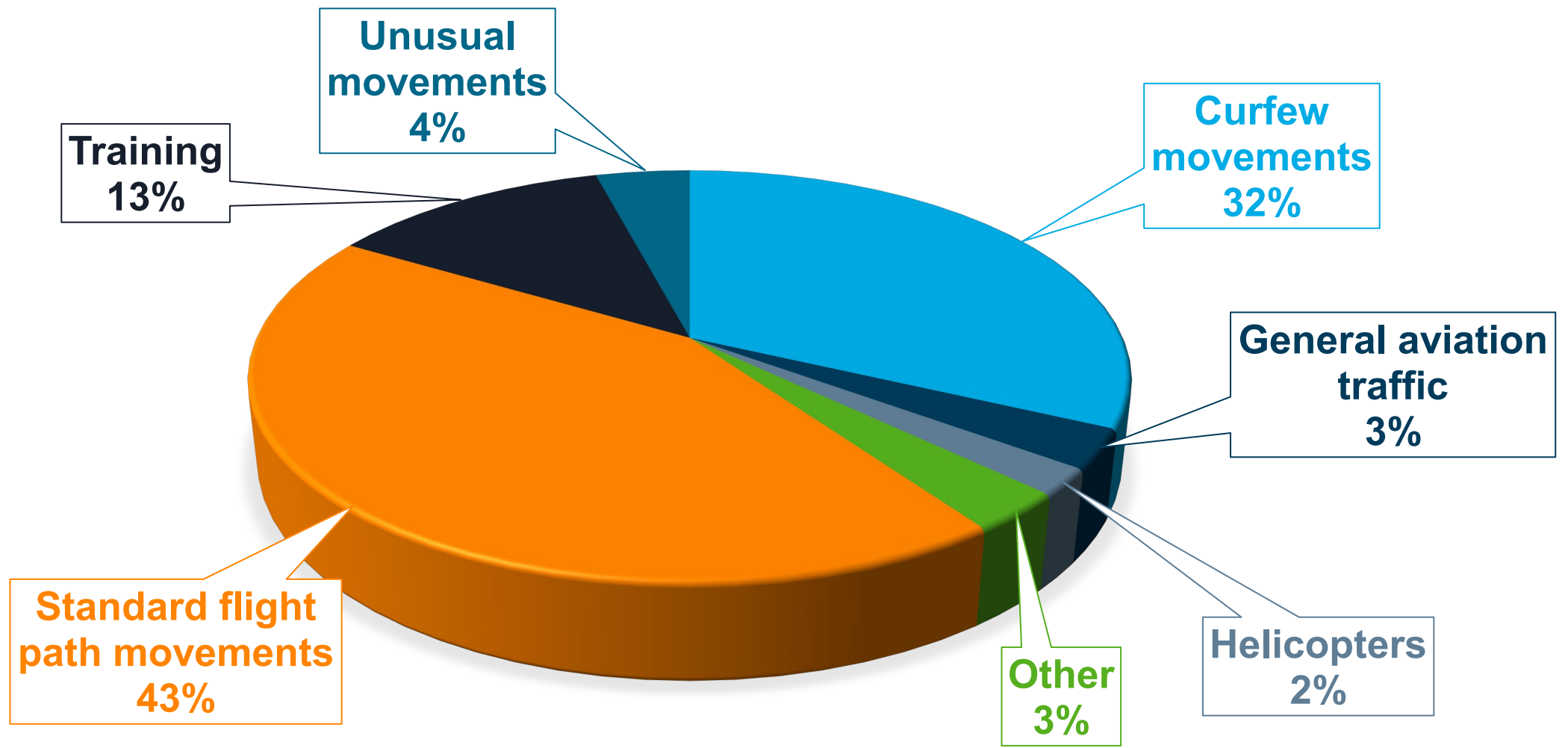
# NCIS UPDATE - COMPLAINANT NUMBERS PER MONTH



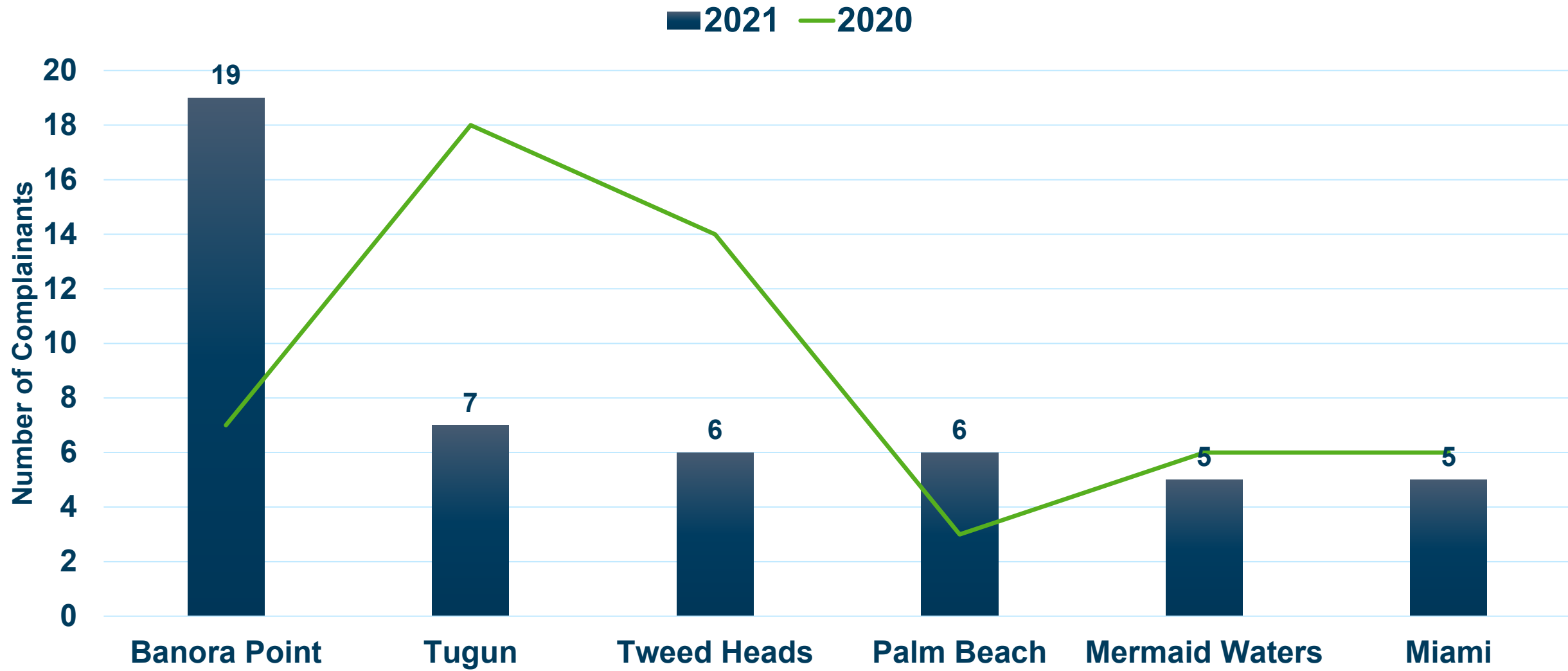
# COMPLAINANTS - 2021 COMPARISON



# 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW - ISSUES



# 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW – COMPLAINANT SUBURBS



# 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

## COMPLAINANTS

- 90 individual complainants, down from 136 individual complainants in 2020

## SUBURBS AND KEY ISSUES

- 32 Suburbs recorded complainants
- 18 Suburbs recorded a single complainant
- **Banora Point (19 complainants)**
  - Curfew operations and RWY14 departures
- **Tugun (7 complainants):**
  - Curfew operations
- **Tweed Heads (6 complainants)**
  - Training
- **Palm Beach (6 complainants)**
  - Curfew operations
- **Miami (5 complainants)**
  - ILS operations
- **Mermaid Waters (5 complainants)**
  - ILS operations

# THANK YOU

# Gold Coast Airport

March 2022  
CACG GCA Update



# Traffic Performance

PAX Numbers				
Month	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	386,245	193,299	644,422	639,796
February	304,231	159,553	449,027	458,843
March		281,390	306,423	501,907
April		401,774	1,519	560,439
May		385,713	2,297	471,409
June		252,415	5,390	474,644
July		106,340	43,307	583,976
August		12,719	10,860	528,697
September		25,545	21,957	548,556
October		25,943	31,422	598,087
November		35,328	36,265	530,719
December		204,271	188,261	610,497

RPT Flight Numbers (Arrivals)				
Month	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	1,543	749	1,893	1,943
February	1,051	639	1,456	1,422
March		987	1,175	1,575
April		1,545	21	1,795
May		1,479	14	1,584
June		1,120	27	1,558
July		1,010	173	1,815
August		175	74	1,477
September		188	113	1,683
October		183	144	1,775
November		201	154	1,579
December		1,035	725	1,838

# New and existing connections established

- Gold Coast-Singapore – 14 February
- Gold Coast-Auckland – 02 March
- Gold Coast-Perth – 16 March
- Virgin Australia Gold Coast-Cairns – resuming March
- Virgin Australia Gold Coast-Hobart and Launceston – resuming June
- Gold Coast-Queenstown, Christchurch and Wellington – expected to resume mid-year







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This week Gold Coast Airport welcomed back the first flight from New Zealand in more than 6 months.



# Recent wet weather (28/02/2022)

- Airfield closed for about 18 hours on 28 February
- 40 flights cancelled
- Operations team worked with stakeholders to reopen airfield safely next morning
- Additional flights scheduled to assist backlog of passengers



# What a difference a day makes...



*Clean up and inspection, 1 March*





*Clean up and inspection, 1 March*



# Construction update



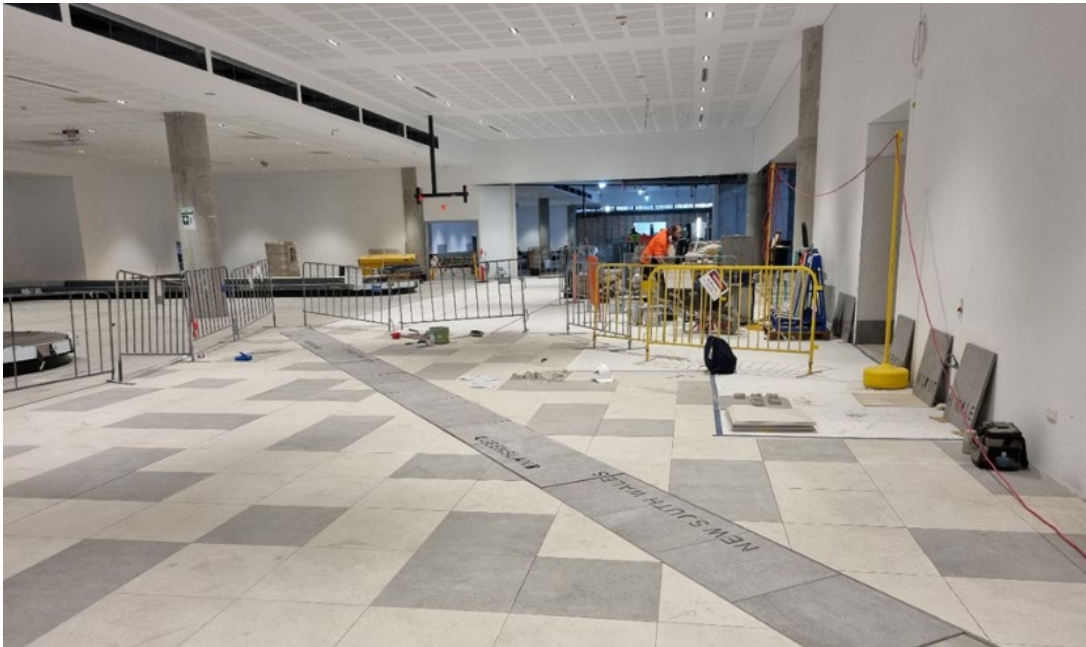
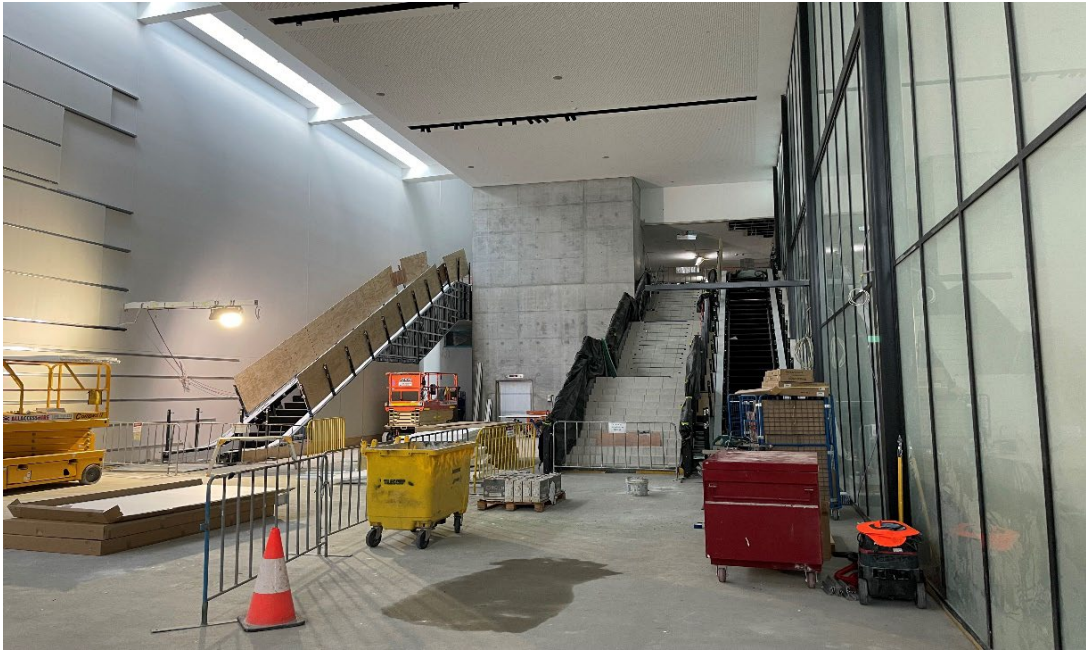
*External construction progress at January 2022*



# GCA Terminal Expansion









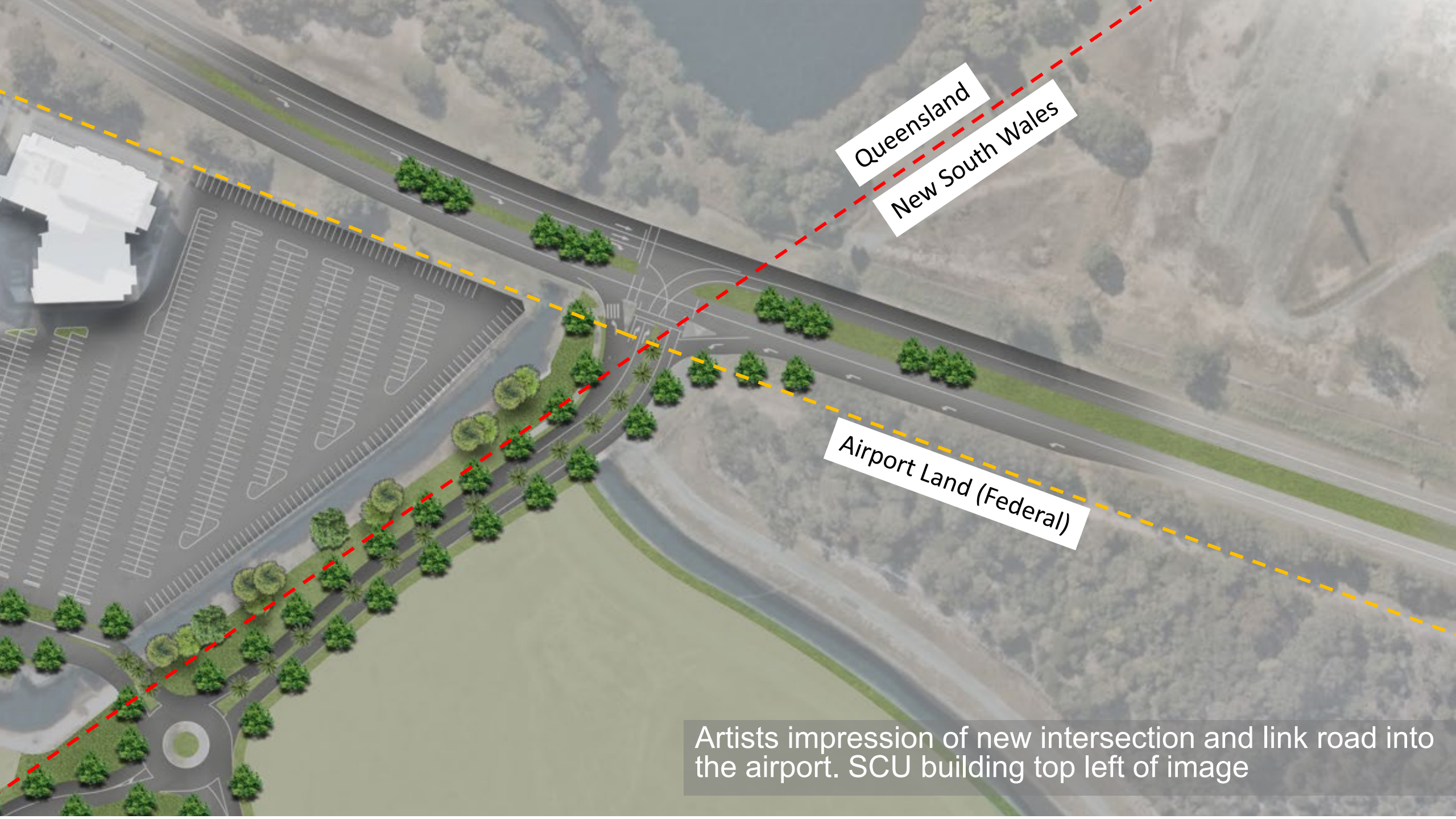
# Airside Processing Zone



# Southern Entryway

- New Gold Coast Highway intersection providing a second access into Gold Coast Airport
- Intersection straddles NSW and QLD border
- This project aims to:
  - Improve access for airport customers coming from the south, providing a more direct link through to the airport
  - Increase airport road network capacity, providing a safer access path and reducing congestion
  - Generate construction jobs
  - Open up new opportunities to develop the southern airport land, enabling access and trunk services infrastructure
- Construction tender evaluations are currently being undertaken, with a preferred contractor to be finalised in early April 2022
- Targeting construction to commence early May 2022 with subsequent activation of the new intersection in early 2023





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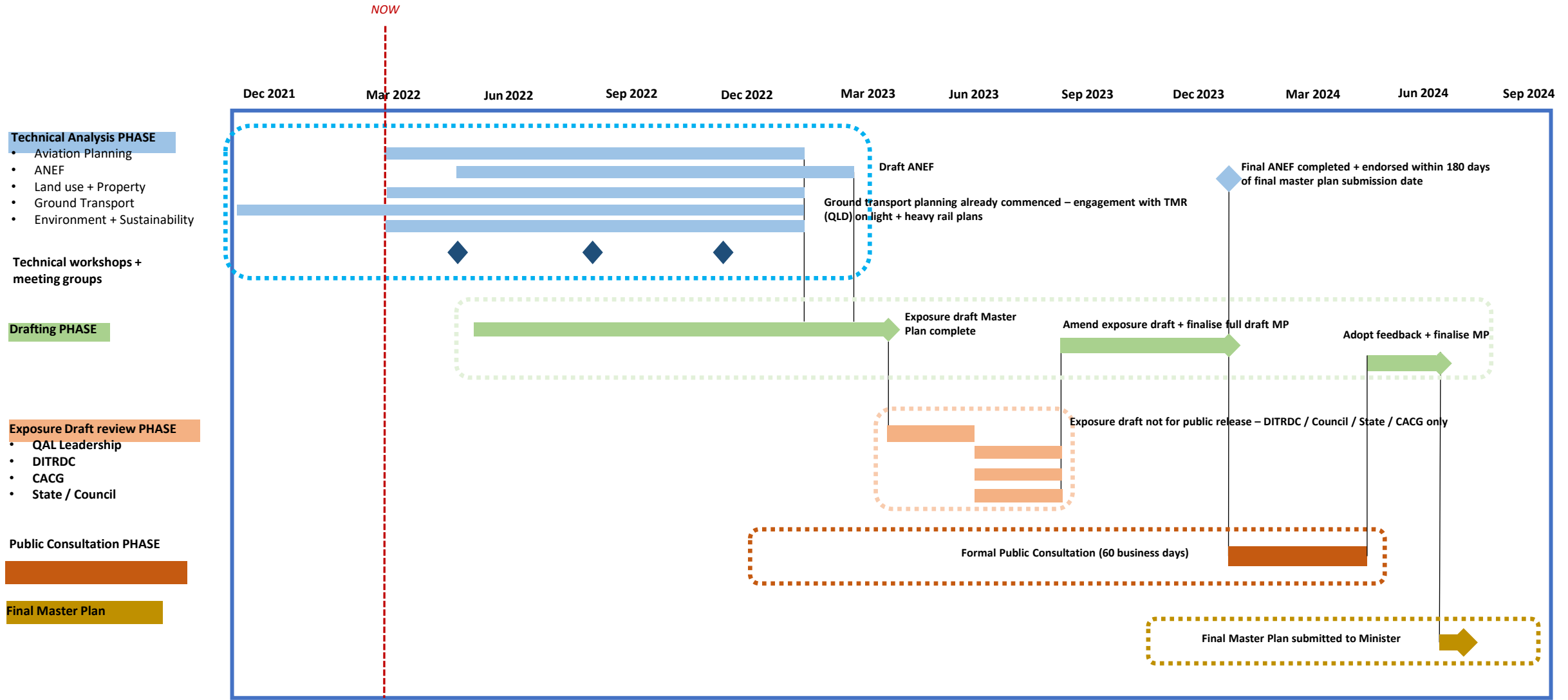
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# GCA Master Plan

- Further extension to Master Plan due date granted by Minister – draft master plan due July 2024
- Extension granted to allow COVID-19 recovery in operations, and also to integrate public transport planning (light/heavy rail) underway by Queensland Government
- Currently engaged with Queensland Government (TMR) regarding light and heavy rail to Airport. Master Plan program of works otherwise due to commence in early 2022

# GCA Master Plan 2024 – Project Plan



Note: Draft plan only. Dates / milestones and program may be subject to refinement and change



# Thank you

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**Subject:** Letter to Minister Joyce  
**Attachments:** Letter to Minister on behalf of the CACG.pdf

Good Afternoon All,

Please see attached copy of the final letter sent to the Minister on behalf of the CACG regarding the Qantas Airways approval for flights during the curfew at GCA.

Kind Regards,

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Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development  
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13 December 2021

Dear Minister Joyce

**Re: Curfew flights at Gold Coast Airport**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Gold Coast Airport (GCA) Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG), to ask you to consider one comment and three recommendations from the CACG. These recommendations are the response from the community representatives to concerns about an approval granted to Qantas Airways for flights during the curfew at GCA.

The CACG has discussed the exemption to the curfew that allows Qantas to operate four freight flights per week at GCA during curfew hours. The original permit was issued in the middle of the year in the wake of the dramatic decline in passenger aircraft traffic due to COVID. The permit has been renewed until the end of the calendar year and Qantas has advised that it is considering an application to make this a long-term service.

The CACG has responded by asking that you consider the following comment and three recommendations:

1. CACG notes the status of this issue and the concern that it may quickly escalate if QANTAS lodges an application for long-term operations.
2. No further permissions be issued to QANTAS or other operators for four air freighter movements per week within the curfew period unless there are exceptional circumstances. In the case of exceptional circumstances, the permission be for a maximum of three months.
3. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (DITRDC) amend the *Air Navigation (Gold Coast Airport Curfew) Regulations 2018* to specify that the four movements per week within the curfew period only be permitted in exceptional circumstances (and not to allow the establishment of long-term operations that completely compromise the intent of the curfew).
4. Should a further application be lodged for operations within curfew hours then DITRDC agrees to promptly convene an online consultation meeting with The GCA Airport Noise Abatement Consultative Committee (ANACC)/CACG community representatives to ensure balanced access and information sharing into the decision-making process.

I have **attached** the agenda paper from our last meeting, as presented by a community representative, that was the basis of the CACG decision to refer the comment and recommendations to you. I have not included the attachment to the agenda paper.

It is important to note that the CACG is a group formed and managed by GCA, but its views are not necessarily those of the airport. This recommendation has not been endorsed by the Airport and is instead referred to you directly from the community forum.

The next meeting of the CACG is scheduled for early March next year. I appreciate that it is a busy time for you and your Department, with Christmas intervening as well, but would appreciate it very much if it was possible to provide a response before that meeting. Thank you in anticipation of your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Ron Brent  
Independent Chair  
Community Aviation Consultation Group (Gold Coast Airport)



**Australian Government**

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development and Communications**

File Reference: F18/3632



Dear 

Thank you for your application letter of 9 December 2021 for a permit to use **four freight jet aircraft movements** at Gold Coast Airport under the *Air Navigation (Gold Coast Airport Curfew) Regulations 2018* (the Regulations).

Your application requests **four freight jet aircraft movements** during the curfew for the uplift of Australia Post Mail & Startrack Express Freight.

The Department understands the circumstances for this request include the ongoing increase in business growth in the surrounding region creating an increase in freight demand and the continued reduction of capacity of passenger services from Gold Coast Airport which has impacted freight movement within the region, including the supply of vaccine and medical supplies.

The Department has given consideration to the ongoing Covid-19 situation and the uncertainty this creates in particular to commercial passenger flights and state boarder closures. The Department notes that while the Queensland boarder is currently open and commercial passenger flights have resumed, public health measures including restrictions on movement, hotel quarantine and boarder closures can be implemented with short notice and would have a negative impact on commercial passenger flights and the movement of freight in and out of the Gold Coast and Tweed region. The Department understands the need for business continuity planning and the importance of maintaining freight movements and the benefits this can have on local businesses, employment and the general community especially in the event of border closures.

The Department is conscious of the need to manage aircraft noise impacts for communities surrounding the airport. In particular I would ask that Qantas Freight Enterprises continue to engage with Gold Coast Airport Limited (GCAL) to confirm the operational details associated with utilising this permit. I would also ask that Qantas Freight Enterprises work with GCAL and Airservices Australia to inform the Gold Coast Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) and Gold Coast Airport Noise Abatement Consultative Committee (ANACC) of this permit and the noise implications for surrounding communities. As daylight savings runs until 3 April 2022, this will mean this service operates after 6am for residents in the Tweed region.

I note Qantas Freight Enterprises commitment to continue to brief the ANACC on these operations and address community concerns related to these operations. Qantas Freight Enterprises should continue to note noise concerns raised by the community as well as continuing to closely monitoring the on-time performance of the scheduled service. Qantas Freight Enterprises will also be required to monitor the approaches onto Runway 14 to ensure they are in accordance with noise abatement procedures. Qantas Freight Enterprises have advised the service to be operated is QF7443 Sydney to Gold Coast, scheduled to arrive at Gold Coast Airport at 5:05am local time.

I have considered the requested permit expiry date of 31 December 2022 and have determined that whilst this time period is permitted under the legislation and your application indicates that this time period supports Qantas's, Australia Post Group and local business community need of planning and operational certainty, I was only able to grant a three month permit expiry, until 01 April 2022.

I have only issued this as a short term permit as early next year the Department wishes to convene a one-off meeting with representatives from Qantas, the Australia Post Group, Gold Coast Airport Limited, local business community representatives, ANACC and CACG representatives, and local and state Ministers to discuss all the issues around this dedicated freight service and any further extension of the permit expiry. In order for the Department to consider a continued permit for these types of operations into the Gold Coast Airport we will require input from all involved parties.

The Department will be in contact with you early in the New Year to request nominations for representatives to attend the meeting.

I am a Delegate of the Secretary for the purposes of Section 21 of the Regulations. Pursuant to subsection 13(1) of the Regulations, I hereby grant a permit for the following operations to be carried out by Qantas Freight Enterprises using BAe-146 aircraft operated by Cobham Aviation Services (Cobham):

**Flights** Four freight jet aircraft movements per week during curfew

**Commencement date** 3 January 2022

**Expiry date** 01 April 2022

**Aircraft Registrations** VH-NJZ, VH-NJF, VH-NJM and VH-NJI

**Conditions**

- Landings must be on **runway 14**, unless meteorological conditions require the aircraft to land on another runway
  - the prioritisation of approaches to **runway 14** requires that the Instrument Landing System (ILS) approach to runway 14 should only be used due to weather or critical operational requirements
- Qantas Freight Enterprises (Cobham) must report (and include the reasons for) any landing on **runway 14** that uses the ILS to the Department
- Qantas Freight Enterprises (Cobham) must report any landing on a runway **other than runway 14** to the Department

- Qantas Freight Enterprises (Cobham) must adhere to noise abatement procedures for Gold Coast Airport. Refer to Airservices Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) DAP 164 Aerodrome & Procedure Charts

I have approved the request for **four freight jet aircraft movements per week** during the curfew at Gold Coast Airport based on the following:

- the aircraft type and number proposed are eligible freight jet aircraft movements under section 12 of the regulations; and
- the aircraft are able to comply with Noise Abatement Procedures in order to reduce noise impacts for the community.

An application may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) for a review of this decision. Contact details may be found at [www.aat.gov.au](http://www.aat.gov.au). You may also request reasons for this decision from the Department (section 28 of the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*). Any applications or requests should be made within 28 days of receipt of this notice.

Yours sincerely

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Airports Branch, Domestic Aviation and Reform  
17 December 2021





## The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP

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Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development  
Leader of The Nationals  
Federal Member for New England

Ref: MC21-011414

10 JAN 2022

Mr Ron Brent  
Independent Chair  
Community Aviation Consultation Group (Gold Coast Airport)  
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Dear Mr Brent

Thank you for your letter of 13 December 2021 on behalf of the Gold Coast Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group, regarding aircraft movements at Gold Coast Airport during the curfew period.

Managing aircraft noise has always been a difficult issue and I acknowledge this is a significant concern for the Gold Coast Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group. The Australian Government recognises concerns about the negative effect aircraft noise can have on everyday life. Every effort is made to ensure that Australian airports operate in a manner that is compatible with the expectations of neighbouring communities.

The Air Navigation (Gold Coast Airport Curfew) Regulations 2018 (the Regulations) allow for a maximum of four eligible freight jet aircraft movements per week during the curfew period. These Regulations have been in place since December 1999.

On 9 December 2021, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (the Department) received an application from Qantas for a permit to use four freight jet aircraft movements at Gold Coast Airport under the Regulations until 31 December 2022.

On 17 December 2021 the Department granted Qantas a permit to use four freight jet aircraft movements during the curfew at Gold Coast Airport until 1 April 2022. In granting the permit, the Department considered the request in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation and the uncertainty this creates, in particular for commercial passenger flights and state border closures.


The Department notes that while the Queensland border is currently open and commercial passenger flights have resumed, public health measures including restrictions on movement, hotel quarantine and border closures can be implemented at short notice, which would have a negative impact on commercial passenger flights and the movement of freight in and out of the Gold Coast and Tweed region.

The Department has asked Qantas to ensure relevant information regarding these permitted movements is advised to the community prior to flights commencing. I understand that information will be provided to community committees and stakeholders through the noise and airport consultative forums.

I am advised that the Department intends to convene a one-off meeting in early 2022 with representatives from Qantas, Australia Post, Gold Coast Airport Limited, local business community representatives, Gold Coast Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group, Gold Coast Airport Noise Abatement Consultative Committee, and local and state office holders to discuss the issues around freight services within the curfew period.

Thank you for taking the time to write and inform me of your concerns of the Gold Coast Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Barnaby Joyce', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Barnaby Joyce MP

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Dear all,

The Department wishes to convene a meeting with interested parties to discuss the issues related to a permit for four freight movements during the curfew period the Gold Coast Airport.

**Qantas** and **Australia Post Group** have asked for consideration of an application for permanent freight operations during the curfew at Gold Coast Airport. The application is primarily driven by an increase in the freight task into the Gold Coast, including demand for Australia Post distributions.

- Demand increased by 45% across the Australia Post Group freight network in the years immediately prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020.
- Since January 2020, freight demand to/from the Gold Coast / Tweed region has increased a further 10% with demand expected to remain.
- Australia Post has advised they have contractual and service requirements they must meet.

A virtual meeting is planned for **Wednesday 2 February from 10am to 1:45pm, Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) (ACT/NSW time)**.

Please note this meeting will have strict protocols in place to ensure fair and even discussion of issues and concerns across all groups. The nominated representative(s) for each group will have **15 minutes** in which to present their case, with the meeting Chair to manage timelines. Participants will be required to act respectfully and support a constructive process.

We request that nominations for representatives to attend this meeting to be forwarded to the Department at [curfews@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:curfews@infrastructure.gov.au) by no later than **midday on Friday 28 January 2022**.

We would ask that all groups, including the Gold Coast Airport Noise Abatement Consultative Committee (ANACC) and Gold Coast Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG), consider their representation carefully as there will be a limit on permitted attendees. Please note we have reached out to Gold Coast and Tweed region local and state government representatives

and local business associations. With limited numbers, you may wish to discuss your views and concerns with these representatives prior to the meeting. To assist their contact details are below.

The Department has previously sought business and community submissions on the proposed freight operations during the curfew period. These submissions indicated:

- **Communities** generally did **not support** the application for permanent freight operations during the curfew. Communities held concerns with movements occurring at 4.30am, with the aircraft noise considered to be unacceptable and detrimental to the health and wellbeing of residents, causing disrupted sleep due to the timing of the operation and the aircraft noise generated. Communities preference is a return to pre-COVID freight scheduling, moving overnight freight network to day time operations and other alternatives for movement of freight, i.e. aircraft fly to Brisbane Airport or freight moved by road in an effort to limit night time noise.
- **Businesses** generally did **support** the application for permanent freight operations during the curfew. Businesses rely on the overnight freight service to support business growth in the region of 50-70%, represented by an up to doubling of sales and increased employment of local Gold Coast and Tweed families. The improved delivery times to customers enables businesses to service the changing needs of Gold Coast and Tweed customers, ensures growth and business competition with main city competition.

State Government Representatives:

- Laura Gerber MP, Member for Currumbin, [currumbin@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:currumbin@parliament.qld.gov.au)
- Geoffrey Keith PROVEST, CCM, FAIM, AICD, JP MP, Member for Tweed, [tweed@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tweed@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

Local Government Representatives:

- Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate, [mayor@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:mayor@goldcoast.qld.gov.au)
- Tweed Heads Mayor Chris Cherry, [ccherry@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ccherry@tweed.nsw.gov.au)

Local Business Associations:

- Murwillumbah District Business Chamber, [info@murwillumbahchamber.com.au](mailto:info@murwillumbahchamber.com.au)
- Gold Coast Central Chamber of Commerce, [info@goldcoastcentralchamber.com.au](mailto:info@goldcoastcentralchamber.com.au)
- Gold Coast North Chamber of Commerce, [secretary@gcncc.org.au](mailto:secretary@gcncc.org.au)

The proposed agenda is attached for your information.

Regards

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*I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, work and live. I recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities. I pay my respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.*

**OFFICIAL**

# Proposed Agenda: Gold Coast Freight Permit Meeting

**Meeting date:** Wednesday 2 February 2022

**Meeting Chair:** Mr Phil McClure, Assistant Secretary, Airports Branch.

**Meeting time:** 10am to 1:45pm, Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT), virtually via teams

## Discussion:

### 10:00-10:05

**Item 1:** Chair setting out meeting protocols and purpose of the meeting

### 10:05-13:20

**Item 2:** Presentation of for or against arguments from each group nominated representative (Strictly 15 minutes for nominated representative)

10:05-10:20: Qantas

- Name of nominated representative

10:20-10:35: Australia Post Group

- Name of nominated representative

10:35-10:50: Gold Coast Airport Limited

- Name of nominated representative

10:50-11:20: ANACC reps - 2

- Name of nominated representative Gold Coast Region
- Name of nominated representative Tweed Heads Region

11:20-11:35: CACG reps - 1

- Name of nominated representative

11:35-12:20: Local Business Associations:

- Name of nominated representative - Murwillumbah District Business Chamber
- Name of nominated representative - Gold Coast Central Chamber of Commerce
- Name of nominated representative - Gold Coast North Chamber of Commerce

12:20-12:50: State Government Representatives:

- Laura Gerber MP, Member for Currumbin or Name of nominated representative
- Geoffrey Keith PROVEST, CCM, FAIM, AICD, JP MP, Member for Tweed or Name of nominated representative

12:50-13:20: Local Government Representatives:

- Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate or Name of nominated representative
- Tweed Heads Mayor Chris Cherry or Name of nominated representative

### 13:20-13:35

**Item 3:** Additional Final Remarks Based on all representations being made (Strictly 1-2 minutes for nominated representative)

### 13:35-13:45

**Item 4:** Department Wrap-Up of for and against arguments and way forward

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Dear ANACC members,

Please see the below correspondence from The Dept. detailing the status of the QANTAS/AusPost allocated in-curfew services at Gold Coast Airport.

*Qantas after hearing the views of the community in February 2022 submitted an amended application to the Department. This application sought transition arrangements of the freight service until the end of September 2022. This transition arrangement was proposed to enable Qantas time to employee additional pilots to enable the service to be operated by two crews outside the curfew period.*

*The department considered the revised application and decided to refuse a permit to Qantas in relation to freight operations during the curfew at Gold Coast Airport. This decision was based on the strong community opposition to the extension of the temporary service which put in place to ensure business continuity while COVID-19 restrictions were in place and the limited public support from business owners. The need for the curfew movements to address the increasing freight demand in the Gold Coast / Tweed region was not sufficient to outweigh community opposition to the extension of the freight service. The decision will have the effect of returning services to the pre-COVID-19 operating environment, where there were no freight movements through the curfew period.*

Regards,

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## Gold Coast Airport Community Aviation Consultative Group (CACG)

Meeting date: 24 March 2022

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Agenda paper from: Lindy Smith, Gold Coast Airport (GCA) CACG member

### Subject: GCA Curfew Regulation

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#### 1.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. CACG note the community representative members appreciation to DITRDC for convening the meeting to discuss the issues relating to the freight movements during curfew at GCA, the opportunity given for public submissions, and the subsequent decision to refuse the Qantas application to continue its freight service during curfew.
2. The *Air Navigations (Gold Coast Airport Curfew) Regulations 2018* is promptly amended to prohibit air freighter movements within the curfew period, by deletion of sections 12 and 13.
3. The CACG Chair write to the Deputy Prime Minister to convey these recommendations.

#### 2.0 Background

The long-standing curfew in place at the GCA is highly valued by the surrounding Gold Coast and Tweed communities. The curfew arrangements are prescribed in the *Air Navigation (Gold Coast Airport Curfew) Regulations 2018*.

The regulation that provides for four freighter movements per week within curfew (subject to assessment by DITRDC) was put in place 22/12/99 to facilitate weekend newspaper delivery to the Gold Coast from Sydney.

The newspaper delivery service ceased 2005 and the provision for freighter movements had not been used since this time (15yrs) until the Qantas freighter service commenced 5/10/2020. Up to Oct. 2020 Qantas had been successfully moving the growth in freight by other arrangements.

The DITRDC *GCA Curfew Factsheet* states, “on average there are 15 aircraft movements per month during curfew...to date no operators use these flights due to proximity of Brisbane Airport, which has no curfew and well established distribution facilities.” (pg.1/3)

DITRDC convened an on-line meeting 2/2/22 on the Gold Coast Freight Permit for interested parties to discuss the issues relevant to a permit for four freighter movements during curfew.

Following this meeting the GCA ANACC/CACG community members and those organisations they represent (9 groups) have joined together to address this matter. A community meeting was held 15/2/22 at the Tugun Community Hall which was capacity attended under COVID provisions with the resolution of the meeting carried (1 against) – This meeting calls on Fed. Minister Barnaby Joyce to:

**1. Refuse any permissions to QANTAS (or other operators) after 1/4/22 for air freighter movements within curfew**

## 2. Promptly amend the GCA Curfew Regulations to prohibit air freighter movements within curfew.

After all the controversy with the QANTAS application we are now of the clear view that the current provision for four movements per week for air freight during curfew is outdated and no longer fit-for-purpose and must be removed entirely.

### 3.0 Issues

The following issues outline the case supporting the amendment to the GCA Curfew Regulation to remove the provision for air freighter movements during curfew (deletion of sections 12 and 13):

1. GCA is unlike other major airports across Australia in that it is landlocked within two regional cities and does not have a runway end directly over a water body or expansive open green fields which enable unfettered use of such runways.
2. The curfew at GCA exists for very good and real reasons. The GCA is a busy, noisy, growing enterprise within two rapidly growing regional cities with high density populations under the flightpaths. Substantial increases in residential density are occurring in proximity to GCA and under flight paths as urban renewal sees old single dwellings replaced by multi-unit apartments and towers. Existing and new residents have a reasonable expectation that the intent and integrity of the curfew will be respected and upheld by DITRDC.
3. The curfew is a long-established mechanism for balancing the needs for GCA operations with the health and well-being needs of residents to have an uninterrupted night's sleep. The forecast growth of GCA aircraft movements and surrounding population affirms the need to strengthen the curfew rather than the compromising its key objective of providing a good, healthy sleep environment by facilitating four air freighter movements per week during curfew.
4. The sleep disturbance and additional noise burden of these jet aircraft movements during curfew hours is a huge issue for the communities, both to the north and south of the GCA and there should be no provision that allows for trade-offs with such adverse impacts to the health and well-being of the communities.
5. To add, as a key tourist destination there are also adverse economic impacts on the many local tourist/holiday accommodation businesses with the negative impact to the holiday experience. Also, to support the economic recovery and growth of local business and jobs we need to promote shop locally rather than on-line shopping flying in during curfew.
6. Prudent and feasible alternatives exist for moving freight during the GCA curfew period by using the Brisbane Airport which is in close proximity and using the well-established distribution facilities and fast road transport in the early hours of the morning to link up to the Gold Coast – a one hour road journey only to major centres. There is also 17hrs outside the GCA curfew period to move freight.
7. The Airservices NCIS noise complaints report presented at the ANACC meeting 17 June 2021 noted that 38% of the complaints were due to curfew movements, with the majority about the QANTAS BAe-146 curfew movements, with residents advising of sleep disturbance.
8. In 2018 the World Health Organisation prepared environmental guidelines that specifically recommended:  
“ For night noise exposure, the WHO strongly recommends reducing noise levels produced by aircraft during night time below 40 dB L<sub>night</sub>, as night-time aircraft noise above this level is associated with adverse effects on sleep. “

Based on the EASA Certification Noise Levels of aircraft noise the BAe 146 (300 Series) on approach - on runway centreline, 2000m from runway threshold, 120m altitude for a

typical 3-degree glideslope the EPNdB is 96dB which is many times louder than the WHO recommendation of 40 dB L<sub>night</sub>, at 5am in the morning.

The GCA curfew is of significant public interest. Consultations with ANACC/CACG community representatives and the organisations represented, and wider community including local business operators indicate these concerns are shared by many.

Over 2000 submissions to DITRDC were made via the online portal established by the *Airport Curfew Alliance* along with many other individual submissions objecting to the Qantas application for long-term air freighter operations during curfew. A petition signed by hundreds seeking amendment of the GCA Curfew Regulations to prohibit air freighter movements within curfew has been conveyed to the Deputy Prime Minister.

The adverse impacts on health and sleep disturbance from the burden of aircraft noise is well recognised by the International Civil Aviation and World Health Organisations and extensively documented.

The adverse economic impact to property values from noise intrusion is also well recognised and documented.

It is of critical importance there is equitable consideration of the need for operational constraints on GCA as it is landlocked within two growing regional cities. A balanced approach is required to uphold the health, well-being and liveability of neighbouring communities. This means no freight flights during curfew, while reiterating there are 17 hours available outside the curfew period each day to move air freight.

Of note is the *National Aviation White Paper (16/12/09)* which included long-term objectives - *'Reinforce the importance of minimising aviation's negative impacts on the environment and communities'*.

#### **4.0 Previous correspondence to Deputy Prime Minister**

The CACG Chair previously wrote to the Deputy Prime Minister on 13 December 2021 seeking (inter alia) that a similar proposed change to the Regulation be made. That request stated:

“The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (DITRDC) amend the *Air Navigation (Gold Coast Airport Curfew) Regulations 2018* to specify that the four movements per week within the curfew period only be permitted in exceptional circumstances (and not to allow the establishment of long-term operations that completely compromise the intent of the curfew)”.

Following the recent refusal of the Qantas application for air freighter flights during curfew it is now clear that sections 12 and 13 of the Regulation must be removed entirely.

Residents and community groups have made it very clear they do not wish to be in a situation where every time an airline applies for an air freighter curfew exemption in the future, they need to rally to fight it.