



WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FACT SHEET

Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (WSI):

- WSI is Sydney's new 24-hour domestic, international and cargo airport.
- It will welcome its first passengers today (25 October), which follows [the opening of the WSI Cargo Precinct on 27 July 2026](#).
- WSI is Australia's first major international greenfield airport in more than 50 years and Sydney's first new major airport in more than a century.
- Jetstar flight JQ362 will become the first passenger service to depart WSI, taking off for the Gold Coast at 11.00am on 25 October (see *below for additional details on airline partners and inaugural flights*).
- WSI's launch airline partners include Jetstar, Air New Zealand, Singapore Airlines, VietJet Air, Fiji Airways, Qantas and Qatar Airways.
- Within the first 14 months of the airport's launch, WSI's customers will be able to enjoy access to more than 250 destinations around the globe.
- WSI is built to service up to 10 million annual passengers, which is about the size of Adelaide Airport today.
- However, WSI is built for growth and will eventually become Sydney's biggest international airport, handling more than 80 million annual passengers in the 2060s, which is about the size of London's Heathrow Airport today.
- WSI will increase aviation capacity in the Sydney basin, adding more choice, connectivity and flexibility for travellers in Greater Sydney for when, where and how they choose to fly.
- WSI will be Sydney's first 24-hour gateway – it will operate with no curfew or flight caps.
- WSI is proudly at home in Western Sydney – one of Australia's most diverse, vibrant and fastest growing regions – and continues to drive economic uplift and the creation of local jobs across the region.
- WSI's [major construction works were completed in June 2025](#) – which included WSI's terminal, its 3.7km runway, and the precinct's carparks, roads, bridges and utilities – ahead of an extensive program of operational testing and readiness activities.

WSI Terminal

- Passengers flying out of WSI will experience a streamlined departure with access to next generation technology to help them move through the airport at speed, making travel simple and efficient.
- The terminal's Internal floor space is approximately equivalent to 13.5 football fields. Around 9 million work hours were expended on the terminal, and, at peak, more than 2,000 people worked on the terminal build.
- About 9,000 solar panels have been installed across the terminal roof and passenger walkways. They have capacity to produce 4.5MW of energy and the ability to power approximately 40% of the terminal's energy demand.
- WSI's integrated terminal includes infrastructure for both domestic and international operations under one roof, with 40 check-in kiosks and 34 bag drops that can be used by any passenger flying with any airline.
- World-leading check-in, baggage handling, and security screening means less time in queues, less risk of lost baggage, and will help passengers move safely and efficiently through the terminal.
- The terminal's [retail offering](#) includes two duty-free shopping areas, a range of specialty retail including EyeLove and Tech2Go, and three RELAY stores, offering fresh food, drinks, travel essentials and convenience products.

- WSI will open with a selection of cafes and food outlets, with additional venues opening progressively as flight services and passenger numbers grow, including Blue Mountains craft brewer Mountain Culture.
- WSI's first international lounge – *The Rayleigh Lounge* – will open in November and be operated by dnata, offering eligible passengers a premium dining and lounge experience, expansive airfield views, fast Wi-Fi, integrated charging and three private showers.
- WSI's terminal is designed for seamless, stress free and intuitive passenger journeys – a hallmark of which is its great, expansive ceilings and abundance of natural light. The signature suspended aluminium ceiling is the largest of its kind in Australia, spanning more than 208,000 metres, and its shape is emblematic of the surrounding Blue Mountains and Cumberland Plain landscapes.
- The colours, materials – including extensive Australian sandstone feature walls sourced from a quarry on the Central Coast – and furnishings, pay homage to First Nations communities and include stones from the nearby Nepean River.
- WSI has integrated accessibility through the passenger journey, including sensory spaces, multi-faith prayer and quiet rooms, hearing loop technology, pet relief areas, accessible family rooms, support areas for people with reduced mobility, lifts at every gate and accessible wayfinding.
- Passengers have a range of convenient travel options – from new public bus links, taxi, rideshare, car rentals, private transfer and more than 6,000 car parking space – using newly upgraded roads including the toll-free M12 motorway, providing efficient connectivity to the airport.

WSI Airfield & Runway

- WSI's runway and other key airside facilities were completed in June 2025, with the airport opening with one 3.7km runway, which can cater to up to 10 million annual passengers from day one of operations.
- The base layer of the 3.7km runway includes 5.5 million tonnes of quality sandstone diverted from landfill from Sydney-based tunnelling projects.
- The runway is equipped with modern technology, and the rapid exit taxiways mean WSI's average taxing time will be around five minutes, significantly shorter compared to other airports around the world.
- Approximately 3,000 Aeronautical Ground Lights are installed on the runway, which support the runway operations in low visibility, while 348 High Intensity Approach Lights (HIAL) penetrate the atmosphere to give directional, distance, and glidepath information for safe transition from instrument to visual flight.
- The runway can handle the full range of commercial and wide body aircraft, including the new generation of ultra-long-haul airliners like the A350-1000 and Boeing 777X as well as Code F aircraft like the A380.
- WSI will be Australia's first airport without a traditional air traffic control tower, with the Digital Aerodrome Service (DAS) an international proven, state-of-the-art technology that will enable Airservices Australia to provide best-practice, safe and efficient air traffic management services from a cutting-edge DAS centre at Eastern Creek in Western Sydney.

WSI Cargo Precinct

- WSI's state-of-the-art, 24-hour Cargo Precinct opened on 27 July 2026, with top-tier partners Qantas Freight, Menzies Aviation, dnata Cargo, dnata Catering & Retail, Texel Air and Team Global Express creating opportunities for Greater Sydney's businesses, workers and broader supply chains as they connect Western Sydney to the world.
- The WSI Cargo Precinct has increased Sydney's air cargo capacity by around 33 per cent, with a plan to grow to ultimately handle around 1.8 million tonnes of cargo per year.
- Stage One of the Precinct includes up to 75,000 square metres of warehousing and it is capable of servicing eight wide-body aircraft at any one time.
- A 9MW rooftop solar energy system will gradually be built at WSI's Cargo Precinct as part of a landmark partnership between WSI and CleanPeak Energy.

- It has dedicated access via the upgraded Northern Road and proximity to growing freight and logistics centres at Kemps Creek and the Aerotropolis.

WSI Business Precinct

- WSI established a [50/50 joint venture partnership with Charter Hall Group](#) to deliver the first stage of the Business Precinct, which includes [O'Brien as the first anchor tenant](#).
- Upon completion, the 20-hectare mixed-use development will include up to 40,000 square metres of modern warehouse space, ancillary offices, a hotel, a service station and convenience retail, including food and beverage outlets, as well as gym and conference facilities.
- The Precinct is expected to support significant employment opportunities for Western Sydney, with stage one of development anticipated to generate approximately 400 jobs during construction and a further 2,000 ongoing roles once the precinct is fully occupied and operational.

WSI Workforce & Economic Impact

- WSI has been the catalyst for billions of dollars in broader infrastructure investment, including in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis.
- Well over 10,000 workers helped complete WSI's major construction works – more than half of whom came from Western Sydney and a third of whom were learning on the job (e.g. traineeships and apprenticeships).
- More than \$500 million was invested in more than 360 Western Sydney based businesses since WSI's construction began in 2017, including local tradies and construction companies, caterers, and security guards.
- By the time WSI is managing up to 10 million annual passengers in the 2030s, the airport will require up to 8,500 jobs to support its daily operations across the precinct, creating employment opportunities for people living in Western Sydney.

WSI Airline Partners & Flights

[Jetstar](#) operates WSI's inaugural domestic passenger service and will connect Western Sydney with the Gold Coast, Melbourne and Brisbane through regular domestic services.

Commencement: Sunday, 25 October with flight JQ362 the first passenger service to depart WSI for the Gold Coast at 11.00am.	Frequency: Up to 14 flights per week between WSI and Melbourne, seven (daily) to the Gold Coast, and three to Brisbane.	Aircraft: Airbus A320 (188 economy seats).
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[Air New Zealand](#) operates WSI's inaugural international passenger service and will operate three weekly non-stop flights between WSI and Auckland, with onward connections across New Zealand, the Pacific and North America.

Commencement: Monday, 26 October with NZ165 arriving at WSI from Auckland at 7.45am and NZ166 departing WSI at 8.55am.	Frequency: Three flights per week between WSI and Auckland, operating on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.	Aircraft: Airbus A321 (214 economy seats) or A320 (165 economy seats).
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[Singapore Airlines](#) will operate daily non-stop services between WSI and the award-winning Changi Hub, connecting Western Sydney with its global network across Asia, Europe, Africa and beyond.

Commencement: Monday, 23 November 2026.	Frequency: Daily flight departing WSI at 11.55pm and arriving in Singapore at 5.05am (local time).	Aircraft: Airbus A350-900 (303 seats: 40 in business class and 263 in economy class).
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[VietJet Air](#) will initially operate non-stop services between WSI and Ho Chi Minh City, connecting Western Sydney with Vietnam and more than 40 onward destinations across Asia. The airline's joint venture – VietJet Thailand – plans to launch services between WSI and Bangkok shortly after.

Commencement: Sunday, 10 January 2027.

Frequency: Two flights per week between WSI and Ho Chi Minh City on Wednesdays and Sundays, increasing to three per week from March 2027.

From November 2027, VietJet Thailand is planning four flights per week to Bangkok.

Aircraft: Airbus A330 (377 seats across business class and economy).

Fiji Airways will operate non-stop services between WSI and Nadi, providing direct access to one of Australia's top holiday destinations and onward connections across the Pacific.

Commencement: Friday, 19 March 2027.

Frequency: Three flights per week between WSI and Nadi on Mondays, Fridays and Sundays.

Aircraft: Boeing 737 MAX 8 (170 seats: 8 in business class and 162 in economy class).

Qantas will operate regular QantasLink services between WSI and Melbourne and Brisbane, complementing the airline's freight operations from the WSI Cargo Precinct.

Commencement: Sunday, 28 March 2027.

Frequency: Four flights per week to both Brisbane and Melbourne.

Aircraft: Embraer E190 (around 95 passengers, with up to 10 business class seats).

Qatar Airways will connect WSI directly with the carrier's global award-winning Doha hub, providing onward access to more than 170 destinations across the Middle East, Africa, Europe and beyond.

Commencement: Wednesday, 15 December 2027, with tickets scheduled to go on sale from 19 December 2026

Frequency: Three flights per week between WSI and Doha, increasing to daily services in 2028.

Aircraft: Boeing 777-300ER (354 seats: 42 in the award-winning Qsuite business class and 312 economy class).