### Peer Review Close Out Comments

**Section 1.1**

**INM study and airport details**

The coordinates in the INM study for ARP and runways match that listed in the Report with the exception for the coordinates for Rwy 03, which differs by 0.0003 degrees.

The coordinates for Rwy 03 need to be checked and corrected in either the Report or the INM study. A check of runway length used in the model closely matched that listed in the Report.

The Report does not detail where the coordinates for the helipad were obtained from and should be referenced.

#### To70 Response

To be actioned by To70.

Normal INM-induced rounding error. Difference of less than 15 cm (beneath the resolution of the contours). Will be amended.

No further action required after report is amended.

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**Section 2.2.1**

**Ports of origin and destinations**

In the past aircraft operating to and from an airport usually track to/from their destination airport direct if within a short distance or via a navigation aid if tracking to/from a distant airport. However, due to change in aircraft navigation capabilities there have been and will be changes in the future to the flight paths followed, particularly for long range flights with aircraft tracking direct to/from the port of origin/destination, unless directed by air traffic control.

The presentation shown in figure 6 for origin/destination for RPT and FIFO flights should be presented prior to the section detailing “tracks” to provide clarity as to the alignment of some of the flight tracks used.

Can be requested in noise modelling report.

To70 to re-examine report as recommended.

No further action required after report is amended.

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**Section 3.3.1**

**Flight tracks**

The reference to the existing model does not provide any indication as to when it was prepared and whether it has been checked for technical accuracy in regards to flight tracks followed and if there has been any variation in these tracks that to currently flown and has been incorporated into this model.

The Report also provides information of ports of origin/destination for RPT and FIFO aircraft but does not provide any details of how the alignment of the flight tracks modelled have been determined, i.e. if they have been modelled to fit in with current aircraft flight paths or existing navigation aids. It also does not provide any information as to how the alignment of flight paths used were determined and source of information used when preparing the tracks.

The review noted that departures from Rwy 03 to the east are modelled conducting a left turn of approximately 270 degrees and track over the overall to begin their track to their destination airport. This is appropriate or do they turn right at track to their destination, which is the usual practice for departures at airports located in rural areas.

This review also noted that no differentiation between flight tracks used by the high performance aircraft (mainly Jet aircraft) and low performance aircraft (GA and slower aircraft) which does not usually occur due to an air traffic control requirement of lateral separation between these aircraft categories. This is particularly apparent for arrivals from Rwy 03 from the south and to Rwy 21 from the north as the only approach path for GA type and similar aircraft types is for a straight in approach where these aircraft types normally join the circuit for a circling approach to the selected runway as modelled for arrivals from the north to Rwy 03 and from the south for Rwy 21.

The review has noted the majority of the flight tracks used in the modelling are point tracks with a maximum spread of up to 0.5 nautical miles (default INM setting). The spread of these tracks reducing the closer to the airport the aircraft are and are acceptable for the majority of the departure flight tracks and some of the approach flight tracks.

However, the review noted the modelled GNSS RNAV approach tracks also include a spread of approximately 0.3 nautical miles up till they pass the initial point, after which the spread reducing to zero for the touchdown. These approach procedures require an aircraft to conduct a GPS navigation system as part of their flight management system. It has been found the spread of the aircraft using these approach procedures is minimal and it is suggested the spread of these flight tracks be amended to a maximum of 0.3 nautical miles for the sections prior to passing the initial point.

The review noted the circuit tracks modelled for higher performance aircraft use the same radius of turn as used for GA aircraft. In the majority of cases higher performance aircraft conduct circuit training at a higher speed, requiring a greater radius during their turns. To model these flights the turns modelled for the MED circuit tracks should be increased by approximately 50% (0.6945 km) whilst retaining the same separation between the downwind leg and the runway.

Helicopter operations have been modelled with one straight approach track and one straight departure track with all arrivals from the north and all departures to the south. These flight tracks are aligned parallel with Rwy 03/21, which is not consistent with the areas listed in Appendix A for helicopter destinations. Helicopter operations usually take into account current wind direction and usually arrive and depart into the wind. Confirmation of approach and departure flight paths should be sought from helicopter pilots and airport management and amended in the INM model to reflect these. This may be achieved by allowing the aircraft to conduct a very confined approach path when compared to what is followed by aircraft conducting a visual approach. Assumptions/limitations on approach paths used to be stated in the report.

Coll confirm that helicopter operators usually follow a very confined approach path when compared to what is followed by aircraft conducting a visual approach. Assumptions/limitations on approach paths used to be stated in the report.

No further action required after MED tracks are removed from the model.

Helicopter operations should be amended to reflect the comments provided by the City of Busselton.

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**Section 3.2.1**

**Peer Review Comment (from Busselton Margaret River Airport - Peer Review of Noise Modelling, dated March 2016)**

Comment

INM study and City of Busselton Comment to provide any indication as to when it was prepared and whether it has been checked for technical accuracy in regards to flight tracks followed and if there has been any variation in these tracks that to currently flown and has been incorporated into this model.

No further action required after report is amended.

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**Section 4.2.1**

**Comment**

Original report was not peer reviewed.

These tracks were discussed with local expert in 2014. Report will be updated to reflect this.

No further action required after report is amended.

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**Section 5.2.1**

**Comment**

The requirement for ANEF studies is that the tracks be operationally suitable. (They will certainly require a detailed design if they are to be used for the RPT/Charts described in the forecast, but not for this study.)

No further action required.

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**Section 6.2.1**

**Comment**

The report does not detail where the coordinates for the helipad were obtained from and should be referenced.

City of Busselton provided the helipad coordinates based on actual location.

No further action required after report is amended.
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<td>3.4.1</td>
<td>Runway usage</td>
<td>Although the Report indicates the City provided the 40%/60% of runway usage, analysis of wind speed and direction data obtained from BoM indicates runway usage may be different to this based on the percentage of the time for wind direction. The reviewer has not undertaken a review of BoM data and therefore recommends To70 undertake such a review to confirm the 40%/60% split provided by the City is appropriate. Also taken into consideration are calm periods or wind speed is not considered to be a factor in determining the runway used, enabling aircraft approaching the airport to select the most appropriate runway instead of having to track a greater distance to land on from the other end. The confirmed runway usage split then should be applied to fixed wing aircraft and helicopter operations for each study. A review of aircraft movements for ANEC 2038-39, ANEC 40-50 year forecast and NA contours for 2018-19, 2022-23, 2028-29 and 2038-39 indicated the 40%/60% runway usage was applied to each case.</td>
<td>To70 to provide comment on 40%/60% split. This split was provided by BMRRA based on current use. BMRRA advises that aircraft regularly land and take off with the wind.</td>
<td>No further action required.</td>
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<td>3.5.1</td>
<td>INM aircraft selection</td>
<td>Appendix A of the Report includes details of forecast aircraft types and the number of movements they conduct. However, for locally based aircraft, it is not stated where they operate in/around the airport or are travelling “various” for the destination. The selection of aircraft used in each forecast period has not taken into account changes in aircraft that will be operating at this airport due to the age of the current aircraft that are operating and that new aircraft will in most cases be quieter than those that current operate there, particularly larger aircraft which are required under CASR regulations to be quieter than earlier models of the same aircraft type, i.e., Dash 8-100 when compared to Dash 8-300 and 400 series aircraft.</td>
<td>Can be provided and traffic projections based on the SWDC/City assumptions submitted to the State Government.</td>
<td>Will amend if required.</td>
<td>Colb to confirm traffic projections are best available for modelling purposes. If improved projections are available, peer review recommends modelling is updated. Any assumptions/limitations with regard to traffic projections to be stated in the report. Note: The use of older aircraft types to that which currently operate at an airport my result in Airservices Australia requesting a change to the modelled aircraft, thereby causing concern in the reliability of the resultant ANEF contours.</td>
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<td>The Report also lists the B737-800NG aircraft type that has been used to model some RPT operations. However, this aircraft type is not included in the INM database and details of how it was created and the differences between it and the standard INM 737800 aircraft type are not included in the Report, including if there are any differences in noise data. This aircraft type was not included in the data provided by the City and details why it was used have not been included in the Report. The Bombardier Dash 8 aircraft has been modelled using the INM DHC8 which represents the Dash 8-100 series aircraft. A check of 2014 Australian Aircraft registration indicates there are less than 10 models of this aircraft type flying and more than 50 Dash-8 300 and Dash-8 400 model aircraft flying, indicating this aircraft type should be modelled using the INM DHC830 aircraft type.</td>
<td>To70 to provide comment.</td>
<td>This surrogate methodology is acknowledged and accepted by Airservices Australia. Where existing aircraft that are not yet incorporated into the INM database, a surrogate is created and adjusted with reference to a similar to aircraft in INM.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.acoustics.asn.au/conference_proceedings/INTERNoise2014/papers/p607.pdf">http://www.acoustics.asn.au/conference_proceedings/INTERNoise2014/papers/p607.pdf</a></td>
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<td>The list of forecast aircraft types includes some that require the use of an INM substitute aircraft type but does not include a statement to indicate this has been done. It lists some of these aircraft in the INM ACFT ID column in Table 6 using its aircraft code, not the code for the INM aircraft used. These aircraft types are:</td>
<td>To70 to action/ provide comment.</td>
<td>These are standard INM substitutions. No comment is necessary, but a comment can be added to the report if needed.</td>
<td>Colb to confirm which aircraft type is more common/representative of BMRRA for modelling purposes. Peer review recommends if aircraft type numbers differ significantly from existing model, model should be updated using the appropriate INM aircraft types.</td>
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<td>• PC12 should be shown as being modelled using the CNA208 INM aircraft.</td>
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<td>The report should be amended to note the INM suggested substitute aircraft.</td>
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<td>• Learjet 35 should be shown as being modelled using the LEARJET 35 INM aircraft.</td>
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<td>It also lists the Cessna 180, 182, 172 and 210 as being modelled using the INM CNA172 aircraft type. However, only the Cessna 172 should be modelled using this INM aircraft type. The others should be modelled using the following:</td>
<td>To70 to action / provide comment.</td>
<td>Airport to advise which model the forecasts intend. If this is the CNA750 Cessna Citation X or similar, no change required.</td>
<td>Colb to confirm which aircraft type is more common/representative of BMRRA for modelling purposes. Peer review recommends if aircraft type numbers differ significantly from existing model, model should be updated using the appropriate INM aircraft types.</td>
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<td>• Cessna 210 modelled using the INM substitute CNA206.</td>
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<td>• Cessna 180 does not have an INM substitute but research indicates it has the same engine as the Cessna 182 which is a derivative of the Cessna 180 model, therefore it is suggested the INM CNA182 aircraft type is suggested as the substitute aircraft type.</td>
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<td>The Report also lists the INM CNA750 as the aircraft to model Cessna Citation aircraft but does not provide any details of the actual model it represents, given that there are approximately ten different Citation models that have been sold by Cessna and they have been constructed by Cessna since 1969 and the Citation 750 has only been built since 1996. A review of the Citation aircraft that currently operate at this airport is suggested and the INM model changed or comments added to the Report justifying the use of this</td>
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### Source of movement data

The report does not provide any details of the actual source of the aircraft types used and their movements, except that they were based on historical and forecast data provided by the City. Thus, the complexity of forecast aircraft operations particularly that of RPT and charter operations this data is usually prepared by a company specialising in forecasting. If the services of such a company was involved will provide these forecasts then its details should be included in the report, especially if preparing a report for having an NEP endorsed for technical accuracy by Airservices Australia.

3.6.1.1 The report also lists five helicopter types that either currently operate or are forecast to operate at the Busselton Margaret River Airport but does not provide any supporting information as to why the INM helicopter type was selected to model the identified helicopter type, i.e. some helicopter noise data does not include the required effective perceived noise data (EPNL) that is required to prepare and ANEC set of noise contours, thereby limiting the helicopter types that can be used to model their operations.

#### 3.7 Circuit operations

The modelling of only one circuit training flight per week does not appear to represent the noise impact of these flights that usually occur at smaller airports and the City should seek more information from the airport as to how many circuits are flown during the week.

3.7.1 The report does not provide any details as to how aircraft movements during the day and night periods were determined, a requirement for when having an INM study checked for endorsement by Airservices Australia.

#### 3.8 Day/night operations

Flight training is restricted at the MMGA and managed by the City. Only one operator using ultra light aircraft is approved to conduct flight training.

3.8.1.1 The report does not provide any details as to how aircraft movements during the day and night periods were determined, a requirement for when having an INM study checked for endorsement by Airservices Australia.

#### 3.9 Airport capacity study

Traffic projections based on the SWD/City business case submitted to the State Government – passenger demand was based on KPMG study completed in 2014. The City is not intending to submit the noise modelling report for Airservices Australia endorsement at this time.

3.9.1 The report does not provide any details of the stage lengths modelled but a review of the movements used for each forecast period modelled indicates the 737800, 737MAX INM aircraft were modelled using Stage 3 and 4 departure profiles and the F5005 INM aircraft was modelled using Stage 1 and 2 departure profiles. These stage lengths appear to be appropriate for destination airports but details of the stage lengths used and why they were used should be included in the Report.

3.10.1 Stage lengths used for departures

Traffic projections based on the SWD/City business case submitted to the State Government – passenger demand was based on KPMG study completed in 2014. The City is not intending to submit the noise modelling report for Airservices Australia endorsement at this time.

3.10.1.1 The report does not provide any details of the stage lengths modelled but a review of the movements used for each forecast period modelled indicates the 737800, 737MAX INM aircraft were modelled using Stage 3 and 4 departure profiles and the F5005 INM aircraft was modelled using Stage 1 and 2 departure profiles. These stage lengths appear to be appropriate for destination airports but details of the stage lengths used and why they were used should be included in the Report.

#### 3.11 Aircraft track assignments

Airservices has provided a report for the City of Busselton to state INM aircraft types that have been used in the modelling and the aircraft types they represent, including any assumptions/limitations on aircraft model selection. No further action required, however assumptions/limitations as to why helicopter types have been selected, usually to model helicopters with one or two engines and those available with EPNL noise data.

3.11.1 Figure 6 shows the flight track for aircraft arriving from Perth, Brisbane, West Angeles, Sandakot and Karas as a straight line that will align them with a straight in approach to runway 21. However, Table 8 lists the arrival track to runway 21 is track GNSSA which requires these aircraft to make a right turn to initially join the track then a left turn when passing the initial waypoint. Although away from the airport and outside of the calculated noise contours, track GNSSA should be used for these arrivals. This should especially be taken into consideration if one of these studies is to be assessed for endorsed as an AENF and details of this approach path possibly being made public.

The forecast movement data list of different ports of origin/destination for some aircraft types but does not provide an estimate of the percentage of their movements that will operate to the identified airport. Based on this information the following assessment of flight track assignments was made:

- Where there are more than one port of origin/destination listed for an aircraft, percentage of movements to each port should be provided as in some cases these listed ports require approach/departure from a different direction, requiring the use of a different approach and departure track.
- With the exception of RPT aircraft types and jet aircraft, the majority of arrivals to
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<td>4.2.1</td>
<td>Airpot meteorological parameter</td>
<td>Further details of how the settings for temperature, pressure and relative humidity need to be detailed in the Report or amended to averages based on met records for the 1997 to 2010 or 2016 period.</td>
<td>To70 to provide comment / action.</td>
<td>The data that was prepared at the start of this work in 2015 is sufficiently recent for Airservices Australia endorsement.</td>
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<td>4.3.1</td>
<td>User defined aircraft</td>
<td>The Report does not provide any details as to why this aircraft type was created and why the noise data for it is 3 dB lower than that of the INM 737800 aircraft. This needs to be justified in the report, including supporting information as to why there is a difference in the noise levels. Due to INM not being able to generate flight profile graphs for the 737MAX aircraft it is possible that when undertaking the calculation of the noise contours an error may occur, which INM may not report. If this occurs this may result in the INM not calculating the full impact of these aircraft operations. It is suggested these profiles be amended so that the word STANDARD is changed to USER and the movements file be amended for this aircraft to reflect this change if this aircraft type continues to be used in these studies.</td>
<td>To70 to provide comment / action.</td>
<td>This surrogate method is accepted by Airservices, as described in 3.5.1.</td>
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<td>4.3.2</td>
<td>INM run settings</td>
<td>Based on the above findings it is suggested the use angle of bank box be deseleceted in accordance with the recommendation in the INM User’s Guide and the warning messages that are generated with it selected. It is suggested the refinement setting be increased to at least 12 to 14 which will increase the accuracy when calculating noise contours.</td>
<td>To70 to action</td>
<td>Reviewer is correct. We will amend the model.</td>
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### Notes
- To70 to provide comment / action.
- Input cleared with airport. Not raised by expert consulted with in formation of tracks or SVT Acoustic report.
- No further action required.
- No further action required.
- No further action required.
- No further action required after report is amended.
Dear Jenny

Busselton-Margaret River Regional Airport
Peer Review of Noise Modelling

GHD Pty Ltd (GHD) has completed a peer review of noise modelling contours (ANECs, N65, N70, N75, N80 and LAmx contours) recently prepared for the proposed Busselton-Margaret River Regional Airport development and reported in Noise Modelling Report – Busselton Margaret River Airport, completed by To70 Aviation (Australia) Pty Ltd (To70), dated December 2015.

1 Scope of work

The scope of works completed by GHD was as follows:

- Reviewed and assessed the data sources and attribution for aircraft movement forecasts, aircraft type selection and flight paths/tracks, track maps with labels and track assignment assumptions, details of circuit operations, stage lengths for departures and forecast horizons.
- Reviewed and assessed airport setup, runway description, temperature, headwind and humidity assumptions, calculations of airport capacity runway usage assumptions, day/night split assumptions and sources used as input for the INM model.
- INM model setup including version, aircraft type selection, details of terrain files (if used), base map coordinate systems etc.
- Documentation of inputs and outputs.

GHD completed a desktop peer review of To70 generated outputs; including:

- ANECs (standard) for the Busselton Regional Airport Master Plan 2015 aerodrome infrastructure / operations projected for twenty (20) years.
- N65, N70, N75, N80s for the following scenarios:
  - Master Plan (2015) aerodrome infrastructure / operations 2017/2018
  - Master Plan (2015) aerodrome infrastructure / operations 2022/2023
  - Master Plan (2015) aerodrome infrastructure / operations 2027/2028
  - Master Plan (2015) aerodrome infrastructure / operations 2037/2038
- ANEC (standard) for a 40-50 year projection (doubling of the 20 yr traffic forecast)
• N65 and N70 for a 40-50 year projection (doubling of the 20 yr traffic forecast)
• LAmx contours using the Master Plan (2015) infrastructure for the following design aircraft:
  – Fokker100 (approach & departure for 03 and 21)
  – A320 (approach & departure for 03 and 21)
  – B737-800 (approach & departure for 03 and 21)

2 Peer review report and close out comments
GHD has issued the report Busselton-Margaret River Regional Airport - Peer Review of Noise Modelling, dated March 2016.

Comments from the peer review report have been collated into a comments table, which incorporates a response to the peer review comments from To70 and a close out comment from GHD as peer reviewer. The close out comments table is attached to this letter.

3 Noise modelling to inform environmental approvals
City of Busselton has requested GHD to comment, as an additional scope item, following completion of the peer review, on the suitability of the noise modelling for informing environmental approvals.

The use of Australian Noise Exposure Concept (ANEC) (Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF)) and Nxx (number above) contours is considered the conventional approach to providing information on aircraft noise in Australia for both land use planning and assessing aircraft noise impacts at Australian airports as referenced by the Federal Government Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.

The resultant Nxx (N65, N70, N75 and N80) noise modelling contours do not extend to any populous areas for modelled scenarios for 2018/19, 2022/23 and 2028/29. The noise modelling demonstrates that noise impacts from forecast aircraft movements are not predicted to impact on residential areas.

The noise modelling has been completed based on forecast air traffic levels provided by City of Busselton. The future forecasts have been based on a number of assumptions and may change. Indications from City of Busselton are that air traffic forecasts are conservative and the forecast activity levels may never be realised in practice. As such, noise modelling contours produced can be considered as worst case (as is a typical requirement for noise modelling studies to inform environmental approvals).

In addition, peer review has found on several occasions older model aircraft have been used as representative of newer models of aircraft. Old model aircraft are typically louder than new models, resulting in higher predicted noise levels.

Based on the peer review undertaken, GHD concludes that the noise modelling completed is suitable for informing environmental approvals and presents a representative prediction of noise levels from the proposed development of Busselton-Margaret River Regional Airport.
4 Closing

Thank you for engaging GHD to undertake the peer review of noise modelling for the proposed Busselton-Margaret River Regional Airport development.

Please contact the undersigned should you require further information or assistance in relation to this peer review.

Kind regards

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