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## Western Sydney Airport update

Sydney Airport today welcomed the Australian Government's release of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) and draft Airport Plan for Western Sydney Airport (WSA) for public exhibition.

### Right of First Refusal Process

The draft EIS and draft Airport Plan do not constitute an offer to Sydney Airport for the development and operation of WSA under its Right of First Refusal (ROFR).

Under the 2002 Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport Sale Agreement, Sydney Airport has a ROFR to develop and operate a second major airport within 100 kilometres of Sydney's CBD. The ROFR has a number of stages and since 30 September 2014 Sydney Airport has been engaged in formal and informal consultation with the Australian Government on the airport development and operation. The ROFR process is ongoing.

### Draft EIS and Draft Airport Plan Process

The development of WSA is subject to environment and development requirements under both the federal Airports Act 1996 and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

The Australian Government's draft EIS and draft Airport Plan will be on public exhibition from 19 October 2015 to 18 December 2015.

Following the exhibition period, the draft EIS and the draft Airport Plan may be revised to take into account comments received during the exhibition period. The finalised EIS may also provide any additional information for the Minister for the Environment's consideration. The EIS and the Airport Plan are expected to be finalised in the first half of 2016.

Australian Government materials can be found at [www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au](http://www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au).

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