

PALMERSTON NORTH AIRPORT LIMITED

Master Plan 2014 - 2035

Master Plan Overview

The purpose of the Palmerston North Airport Master Plan is to provide a long term planning framework for the facility. It is intended to act as a guide for future development, allowing the Airport to grow in a way that is consistent with community goals and objectives. It is also intended to provide a platform from which the Airport can be expanded in a comprehensive, cost effective and efficient manner. While the Master Plan is intended to be flexible, it should be updated on a regular basis to ensure it continues to accurately guide all airport infrastructure developments.

The 2035 Master Plan that has been prepared for Palmerston North Airport provides a structure within which future development of the Airport will be possible. This Master Plan preserves the strong aeronautical infrastructure that has been built by Airport Management, the Board of Directors and Palmerston North City Council. Palmerston North Airport operates in and this Master Plan maintains an unconstrained aeronautical environment which is able to meet all current and foreseeable New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority operating, safety and security requirements.

The Airport will continue to provide extensive domestic connectivity as a regional hub servicing the wider region encompassing the districts of Ruapehu, Rangitikei, Wanganui, Manawatu, Tararua and Horowhenua. The Airport recognises its role as a key gateway entrance into Palmerston North city and the region as well as its role as economic enabler for the region.

A key part of developing this Master Plan was the preparation of air traffic activity forecasts. Forecasting is a key driver of infrastructure triggering and implementation and represents both the need to protect the aeronautical environment for future activity and the intentions of the Airport to grow the business.

Master Plan Objectives

The key objective of the Palmerston North Airport Master Plan is to identify the 20 year planning and development objectives of the airport site in response to a comprehensive analysis of the airport and its immediate physical and business environment.

In particular the Airport Master Plan documents the necessary protection of the operational integrity of the aeronautical facilities with respect to aviation safety, navigational aids, air traffic control, emergency services, and the physical environment. It identifies the extent of land that should be reserved for aeronautical activities and facilities to meet projected demand, with the remaining airport land being available for appropriate commercial/non-aeronautical development.

The Airport Master Plan illustrates, by way of a strategic planning document, all physical development and ancillary infrastructure applicable to the future development of Palmerston North Airport in a manner consistent with relevant legislation, standards and requirements.

In the preparation of the Airport Master Plan, specific consideration was given to the airline operating environment, access and transport, and potential adjacent development. The Airport Master Plan takes account of issues that might affect the surrounding community and proposes solutions that avoid, minimise or ameliorate adverse impact on the community; the physical environment; surrounding built form, infrastructure and land uses.

