

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

November 20, 2025

Airport Fees and Charges Proposed Amendments

In accordance with Sections 610F and 705 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (NI), Council is required to give public notice of a proposed fee or charge and consider any submissions made during the 28-day public notice period.

Notice is hereby given that the following matter will be placed on public exhibition for community review and comment: **2025-26 Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC) fees and charges register – proposed Airport Fees and Charges.**

Council is proposing amendments to the below Airport Fees and Charges to support sustainable flight operations. The changes include clarifying the existing after-hours fee and introducing a new in-hours Flight Operations Fee to recover costs for mandatory Unicom and Aerodrome Reporting Officer (ARO) services.

The new in-hours fee enables cost recovery for Unicom/ARO Flight Operations Officer services, which have previously been provided free during business hours. Until now, these costs have been absorbed by the airport's grounds maintenance budget, reducing resources available for essential upkeep and compliance works.

Introducing this fee applies a demand-driven cost model that ensures the Airport can sustainably support flight operations without compromising maintenance priorities. Each aircraft movement requires two officers to deliver safe operations in accordance with established procedures. By implementing this change, Council aims to minimise the financial impact on operators while preserving limited maintenance resources for their intended purpose.

Current Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Comment
Airport Regulations 1992 – Update current After Hours description			
After Hours Attendance Fees: Applied outside of Airport Hrs (07:00L – 15:00L Monday – Friday) & on public holidays. Charged per hour or part thereof, per person.	\$165	Same charge, improved description	Update the description to improve clarity and clarify between out of hours and proposed new in hours charge: Change to “After Hours Flight Operations Fees: Applied outside of Airport Hrs (07:00L – 15:00L Monday – Friday) & on public holidays. Charged per hour or part thereof, per officer – for provision of Unicom and ARO (mandatory for each movement) ”
Airport Regulations 1992 – Proposed new fee			
Flight Operations Fees: Applied within Airport Hrs (07:00L – 15:00L Monday – Friday) excluding on public holidays. Charged per hour or part thereof, per Officer – for provision of	-	\$45.00/per officer	This fee enables cost recovery for the provision of Unicom/ARO Flight Operations Officer services, which have previously been delivered free of charge to operators during business hours. Each aircraft movement requires two officers to

Unicom and ARO (mandatory for each movement)			ensure safe operations in accordance with established procedures. Until now, the associated costs have been absorbed by the airport's grounds maintenance budget. Introducing this fee allows the airport to sustainably support flight operations by applying a demand-driven cost model — minimising the financial impact on aircraft operators while preserving limited maintenance resources for their intended purpose.
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This exhibition has been initiated pursuant to Resolution No. 2025/174 at the 29 October 2025 Council Meeting.

The proposed fees are placed on public exhibition for 28 days to allow community feedback before adoption.

Public exhibition period closes: **4pm 19 December 2025**

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