

MEDIA RELEASE

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Public Exhibition: Proposed Amendments to Airport Fees and Charges

Community feedback open for Proposed Amendments to Airport Fees and Charges

Council is proposing amendments to some 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.

Public exhibition has been initiated pursuant to Resolution No. 2025/174 at the 29 October 2025 Council Meeting.

Exhibition materials are available for viewing at the [Public Exhibition](#) page on the Council website.

Written submissions are invited during the 28-day exhibition period. Submissions must:

- Be received by **4:00pm 19 December 2025**
- Include the name, address, and contact details of the person making the submission
- Mark your submission with the *Proposed Amendments to Airport Fees and Charges Feedback*.
- Submitted in the following ways:
 - **In person:** Customer Care, Bicentennial Centre, 39 Taylors Road, Burnt Pine.
 - **By email:** customercare@nirc.gov.nf
 - **By mail:** Norfolk Island Regional Council, PO Box 95, Norfolk Island.

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