Hobart Airport
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The Hobart Airport Master Plan 2022 includes the Environment Strategy (Chapter 11) and associated commitments and targets. This report provides a summary of our progress in FY26.

Environment Strategy Commitments		
Biodiversity Targets	**Timeframe**	**2025/26 Comment**
Undertake Grassland Cultural Burning (under EPBC Act).	Short Term 1 – 2 Years	Completed in August 2025.
Update Seven Mile Beach Conservation Management Plan.		Not undertaken in reporting period.
Condition assessment of the Commonwealth listed Saltmarsh community east of the runway.		Parts of this community included in weed and threatened species studies during FY26.
Ecological assessment of the acquired land on Barilla Bay.		Surveys were undertaken in November and December 2025 across the Barilla Bay site.
Targeted assessment of orchid species in areas of high likelihood.	Long Term 3-5 Years	Not undertaken in reporting period.
Assessment of EPBC Act listed species and targeted threatened species populations during optimal flowering periods and update environmental mapping.	Annually (minimum)	The following assessments of targeted threatened species populations have been performed in the current reporting period: • A natural value assessment has been performed in July 2025. (Pitt Water Road, Seven Mile Beach) • Targeted surveys were undertaken in December 2025 to assess *Lachnagrostis* within suitable grassland habits of ESA-A, ESA-C and ESA-E. The survey was conducted in all the latter Environmental Significant Areas during summer flowering period (optimal flowering period). • ESA-B, ESA-D, ESA-F and ESA-G excluded from surveys due to lack of suitable grassland.
Liaison with relevant Tasmanian and Commonwealth departments regarding biodiversity issues.		Liaison with Clarence City Council on collaborative approaches to invasive and declared weed management (Held at Hobart Airport on 4 February 2026). Consultation undertaken with Tasmanian Department Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) for issue of permits for current and upcoming development works.
Ensure all CEMPs and OEMPs incorporate measures such as silt traps, run-off control to avoid, mitigate and minimise potential adverse impacts to biodiversity values.		All CEMPs and OEMPs incorporated erosion and sediment control measures, including silt traps, runoff management and site-specific environmental controls, to minimise potential impacts on biodiversity values and adjacent environmentally sensitive areas.

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Raise awareness of biodiversity values and opportunities to enhance values through tenant audits.		Completed and ongoing.
Monitor and manage weeds and pests.		Continued monitoring and management of weed and pest species across the airport precinct to protect biodiversity values, reduce wildlife attractants, and prevent the establishment and spread of invasive species. Investigations into more environmentally sustainable and effective pest management approaches commenced during the reporting period, with implementation of selected measures planned for the next reporting period. Hobart Airport is part of the Departments vector survey regime to ensure compliance and minimise the risk of introduction of exotic mosquito species to Australia. A routine survey was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry on 26 May 2026.
Review operational activities and procedures to ensure potential impacts to adjacent Ramsar wetlands are avoided or mitigated through pollution prevention and managing surface water runoff (noting potential impacts are subject to approval under the EPBC Act).		Enhanced groundwater and surface water monitoring and reviewed CEMPs to ensure appropriate runoff, erosion, sediment and water quality controls were in place to protect downstream environments and adjacent Ramsar wetlands.
Land Targets	**Timeframe**	**2025/26 Comment**
Undertake investigations to identify, revise and improve management of contaminated areas (including asbestos, hydrocarbons, PFAS etc).	Short term 1-2 years	Ongoing. Hobart Airport continued to participate in collaborative investigations with Airservices Australia and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts regarding contamination, including consideration of future management measures. Continued management of PFAS, hydrocarbon and asbestos risks through site investigations, hydrocarbon remediation activities, and contamination management requirements, including dewatering plans for construction works.
Decommissioning and removal of remaining underground storage tanks, including contamination testing associated with the removal of hydrocarbon storage systems.		No underground tanks removed during the reporting period.
Develop site management plans for the retired landfill sites to incorporate findings from the Preliminary Site Investigation to guide ongoing monitoring and site security.		Not undertaken in reporting period.

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Review and update Contaminated Sites Register including integration with Geographic Information Systems.	Annually (Minimum)	Commenced and ongoing.
Tenant audits and construction audits will be conducted at a time subject to the duration of the project.		Completed and ongoing.
Site specific assessments of potential contaminants prior to disturbance or development.	As required	Site-specific contamination assessments undertaken to support construction approvals for Inghams and Department of Health Kitchen developments.
Within tenant OEMP and contractor CEMP incorporate Commonwealth and Tasmanian regulations and guidelines for the management of soil and water.		Completed. New EMP submitted by TasWater in line with AEPR requirements to support Application for Authorisation for the periodic discharge of treated effluent, and partially treated effluent from bypass events. Consideration of AEPR guidelines thresholds to advise on best management practice when encountering groundwater during construction. Consideration of AEPR guideline thresholds prior to re-use of disposal of excavated material during construction.
Implement mitigation measures as part of CEMPs and/or OEMPs where the potential for disturbance of acid sulphate soils exists.		Not required in reporting period.
Undertake investigations of potential contaminated sites prior to disturbance or development, including analytical testing where relevant.		Site-specific contamination assessments undertaken to support construction approvals for Inghams and Department of Health Kitchen developments.
Investigate appropriate management options for the storage and disposal of contaminated soil, water and other substances / materials in compliance with regulations.		Groundwater has been encountered during works for various projects including Project Mercury, Department of Health Kitchen, BP Bridger expansion, tenants infrastructure repair works. Appropriate management options, storage, re-use and disposal were investigated in compliance with regulations.
Support and / or undertake remediation actions where required for fuel spills in accordance with regulations.		Continued support of tenant remediation monitoring in accordance with the approved Remediation Action Plan.
Water Targets	**Timeframe**	**2025/26 Comment**
Support Tier 1 tenants and relevant contractors to ensure compliance with regulations specific to discharge events, complaints and/or impacts.	Short term 1-2 years	TasWater Cambridge Sewer Treatment plant progressing authorisation under AEPR for discharge events.
Develop ground and surface water monitoring program that describes procedure and review process in collaboration with AEO.	Annually (minimum)	Completed. Ground and Surface Water Monitoring Program in practice with all results reported to AEO.

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Liaison with Commonwealth agencies and Air Services to investigate surface and groundwater contamination and to identify new management measures.		Ongoing. Hobart Airport continues to participate in collaborative investigations with Airservices Australia and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts regarding surface water and groundwater contamination, including consideration of future management measures.
Monitoring and investigating water efficiency opportunities across Hobart Airport operations and tenants.	As Required	Hobart Airport implemented smart meters on the water network which allows for optimisation of water use, improve leak detection capabilities, reduce water losses and support the efficient management of water resource across the airport precinct.
Undertake annual audits and communicate with tenants and contractors regarding storm water control devices (servicing and maintenance) and effectiveness of mitigation measures.		Completed and ongoing.
Review Site Management Plan (SMP) relevant to water quality, update in the Data Management System and share with staff, tenants and contractors as relevant.		No review was required during the reporting period. Relevant water quality management measures remained in place and continue to be implemented through existing operational procedures and environmental management plans.
Ensure tenant OEMP and contractor CEMP identify water quality risks and appropriate mitigation measures are in place and effective.		Ongoing. Water quality risks and mitigation measures were incorporated into environmental management plans for development works undertaken or approved during the reporting period.
Climate Change Targets	**Timeframe**	**2025/26 Comment**
Develop an Energy Strategy that will include information such as existing capacity, existing demand (including EV) as well as options, costs and benefits of expansion into renewables including solar, and LV network upgrades.	Short term 1-2 years	Strategy developed and documented in prior reporting period.
Achieve ACA Level 4 Accreditation.	Long term 3-5 years	Hobart Airport maintains carbon neutral status through the purchase of high biodiversity value Tasmanian carbon offsets through Tasmanian Land Conservancy to offset any residual scope 1 and 2 emissions. All GHG data is externally checked.
Investigate energy storage projects to reduce electricity consumption and carbon emissions.		100kw Solar Photovoltaic Array system installed on Hobart Airport administration building. Performance tracking and reporting ongoing.
Investigate and support the rollout of electric vehicle charging stations.		Hobart Airport actively works with ground transport and rental car suppliers to supply sufficient chargers to meet current and future EV demand.
Airport-led passenger offset program options, as voluntary choice to offset travel emissions.		This initiative has been reviewed and is not being progressed. Hobart Airport continues to focus on opportunities to reduce and offset operational emissions within its direct control.
Maintain a GHG inventory of Hobart Airport's emissions.	Annually (minimum)	Complete and ongoing.

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Investigate actions to guide and influence tenants to achieve carbon reduction from their business operations.		Commenced and ongoing.
Undertake LED lighting upgrades where feasible for existing and new lighting infrastructure.		Ongoing program of works including new tenancy developments.
Climate change risk assessment and associated actions in relevant areas, such as works, planning, tenant leases.		Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Plan reviewed and updated.
Investigate ethical offset purchases for unavoidable emissions.		Carbon offsets purchased and retired for scope 1 & 2 unavoidable emissions during FY26 through Tasmanian Land Conservancy.
Review of accreditation through the ACA program.		Completed. ACA Program not currently best fit for Hobart Airport due to low carbon electricity market.
Waste Targets	**Timeframe**	**2025/26 Comment**
Improve the function and design of the external waste collection station in future Terminal design.	Short term 1-2 years	Commenced and ongoing – included in considerations in new building design.
Review and update Hobart Airport's Waste Management Strategy.		Hobart Airport currently utilises Ecologic's waste data platform, providing real-time waste performance data to support informed waste management and sustainability decision-making. The Waste Management Strategy is currently under review as part of the Terminal Expansion Project to ensure future waste management objectives and infrastructure requirements remain aligned with anticipated changes in waste generation and operational activities.
Increase the diversion of waste from landfill.	Annually (minimum)	Ongoing in conjunction with waste service providers.
Identify opportunities to improve efficiency in natural resource use, waste reduction and recycling during tenant audits.		Implemented and ongoing through operational reviews, tenant engagement, and continuous improvement initiatives.
Improve segregation of waste in car parking areas.		Integrated into terminal expansion and ground transport redevelopment projects to improve source separation and resource recovery outcomes.
Monitoring of waste and recycling actions undertaken by contractors.		Waste management practices reviewed through contractor audits, tenant audits, and CEMP/OEMP compliance inspections.
Identify opportunities for new contractors and tenants to maintain a waste tracking register as part of their CEMP/OEMP in accordance with Tasmanian waste management regulations.		Waste tracking registers included in CEMPs and OEMPs.
OEMPs and CEMPs to include provision of hazardous waste certification at either, the conclusion of construction works and or annually.		All regulated waste leaving the airport is classified and managed in accordance with Tasmanian EPA

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		requirements. Waste disposal certification is required at project completion or annually to verify responsible and compliant disposal practices.
Cultural Heritage Targets	**Timeframe**	**2025/26 Comment**
Review and update the Hobart Airport Cultural Heritage Management and Action Plan.	Short term 1-2 years	Updated in previous reporting year.
Implement measures outlined in the Reconciliation Action Plan.	Annually (minimum)	Completed and ongoing.
Provide ongoing maintenance to the historic heritage values in accordance with Llanherne House Heritage Management Plan.		Maintenance Plan undertaken in accordance with Management Plan during the period under review.
Engage with Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania, prior to any development work in areas of previously recorded heritage value.		Ongoing. AHT consulted on site works, review and production of updated Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan. All new works are subject to a Before You Dig Australia search for registered heritage sites.
Prepare unanticipated Discovery Plans in project areas that have previously reported values.		Ongoing. All CEMPs for development works include an unanticipated discovery plan.
Liaison with State and Commonwealth Government departments and community groups regarding activities that may impact cultural heritage values at the Airport.		Ongoing. Consultation was undertaken as required in relation to cultural heritage management activities, including engagement associated with heritage assessments and management planning.
Engage with traditional land managers to conduct mosaic burns of EPBC Act listed grasslands within and surrounding the Airport.		Completed August 2025.
Continue to include appropriate heritage management measures in contractors CEMP.		Completed and ongoing.
Include appropriate heritage management measures in tenants OEMP and/or lease agreements.		Ongoing with development of new plans and lease agreements.
Raise awareness of heritage values through tenant auditing.		Heritage and RAP awareness included as part of all tenant audits.
Air Quality Targets	**Timeframe**	**2025/26 Comment**
Review and update of the environmental risk register and environmental compliance register.	Short term 1-2 years	Environmental risk register updated.
ARFF training reports, notifications and liaison as required.	Annually (minimum)	Completed and ongoing.
Review and update, where necessary, Hobart Airport's Integrated Carbon Management Plan to identify specific opportunities to reduce our carbon footprint.		Carbon Management Plan updated following each annual carbon reporting period.
Review of contractor CEMPs to ensure potential air quality impacts are addressed.		Included in all CEMPs developed during reporting period.
Liaison with government department regarding air quality initiatives / requirements where relevant to airport operations.		Not required in reporting period.

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Review and update of the Hobart Airport asbestos and ozone depleting substances register and Geographical Information System (GIS).		Registers reviewed and updated as required.
Include in relevant tenant lease agreements and OEMPs management of potential air quality impacts.		Included in current OEMPs and lease agreements where relevant.
Ground Based Noise Targets	**Timeframe**	**2025/26 Comment**
Monitor complaints register regarding ground-based noise issues.	Annually (minimum)	No ground-based noise complaints received during reporting period.
Undertake noise quality assessments where impacts persist and implement measures to decrease ground base noise activities or impacts.		Not required during reporting period.
Participate in government programs or initiatives on noise mitigation schemes.		Not required during reporting period.
Hazardous Substances Targets	**Timeframe**	**2025/26 Comment**
Review of Hobart Airport procedures including SMP01, Asbestos Register, Contaminated Site Register.	Annually (minimum)	All relevant procedures and registers reviewed during reporting period.
Liaison with tenants on mitigation measures for the handling and storage of contaminating substances during audits and documented within OEMP.		Hazardous substances management is assessed during all tenant environmental audits and managed through tenant OEMP requirements.
Surface water and groundwater monitoring to understand existing levels and movement of contamination, including the retired landfill sites.		A precinct-wide surface water and groundwater monitoring program remains in place to assess environmental conditions and support proactive contamination management.
Review and update the PFAS Management Plan.		PFAS management plan to be updated in alignment with finalisation of detailed site investigation results and recommended management actions.
Ensure potentially hazardous waste is classified and disposed of by a licensed contractor to an appropriate receiving facility, with associated certification.	As required	All waste leaving Hobart Airport, including hazardous and regulated waste, is classified, transported and disposed of by licensed contractors in accordance with regulatory requirements. Records can be obtained from the Ecologic platform.
Review contractor CEMP and tenant OEMP to ensure appropriate storage, handling and disposal of hazardous materials.		Ongoing review is undertaken as part of development approvals, tenancy compliance activities and end-of-lease assessments.
Review legislative changes in hazardous materials management, implement changes as required for Hobart Airport operations, contractors and tenants.		Legislative requirements are reviewed on an ongoing basis and management controls updated where necessary to maintain compliance and best practice environmental management.