AVIATION REPORT

APPENDIX X

Sydney Metro City & Southwest

Pitt Street North Over Station Development:

Aviation Report

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1. Purpose of this report

1.1. Background

This report supports a concept State Significant Development Application (concept SSD Application) submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) pursuant to Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). The concept SSD Application is made under section 4.22 of the EP&A Act.

Sydney Metro is seeking to secure concept approval for a mixed use tower above the northern portal of Pitt Street Station, otherwise known as the over station development (OSD). The concept SSD Application seeks consent for a building envelope and its use for residential accommodation, visitor accommodation and commercial premises, maximum gross floor area (GFA), pedestrian and vehicular access, circulation arrangements and associated car parking as well as the strategies and design parameters for the future detailed design of development.

Sydney Metro proposes to construct the OSD as part of an integrated station development package, which would result in the combined delivery of the station, OSD and public domain improvements. The station and public domain elements form part of a separate planning approval for Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) approved by the Minister for Planning on 9 January 2017.

As the development is within a rail corridor, is associated with railway infrastructure and is for the purposes of residential or commercial premises with a Capital Investment Value of more than $30 million, the project is State Significant Development (SSD) pursuant to Schedule 1, clause 19(2)(a) of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011* (SRD SEPP). The full extent of the proposed development is also State Significant Development by virtue of clause 8(2) of the SRD SEPP.

This report has been prepared to respond to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued for the concept SSD Application for Pitt Street North on 30th November 2017 which state that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is to address the following requirement:

Prescribed Airspace for Sydney Airport

1.2. Overview of the Sydney Metro in its context

The New South Wales (NSW) Government is implementing *Sydney's Rail Future*, a plan to transform and modernise Sydney's rail network so that it can grow with the city's population and meet the needs of customers in the future (Transport for NSW, 2012). Sydney Metro is a new standalone rail network identified in *Sydney's Rail Future*.

Sydney Metro is Australia's biggest public transport project, consisting of Sydney Metro Northwest, which is scheduled for completion in 2019 and Sydney Metro City & Southwest, which is scheduled for completion in 2024.

Sydney Metro West is expected to be operational in the late 2020s. (Refer to **Figure 1**).

Figure 1: Sydney Metro alignment map

Sydney Metro City & Southwest includes the construction and operation of a new metro rail line from Chatswood, under Sydney Harbour through Sydney's CBD to Sydenham and on to Bankstown through the conversion of the existing line to metro standards.

The project also involves the delivery of seven new metro stations, including at Pitt Street. Once completed, Sydney Metro will have the ultimate capacity for 30 trains an hour (one every two minutes) through the CBD in each direction - a level of service never seen before in Sydney.

On 9 January 2017, the Minister for Planning approved the Sydney Metro City & Southwest - Chatswood to Sydenham application as a Critical State Significant Infrastructure project (reference SSI 15_7400), hereafter referred to as the CSSI Approval.

The CSSI Approval includes all physical work required to construct the CSSI, including the demolition of existing buildings and structures on each site. Importantly, the CSSI Approval also includes provision for the construction of below and above-ground structures and other components of the future ISD (including building infrastructure and space for future lift cores, plant rooms, access, parking and building services, as relevant to each site). The rationale

for this delivery approach, as identified within the CSSI Application, is to enable the ISD to be more efficiently built and appropriately integrated into the metro station structure.

The EIS for the Chatswood to Sydenham component of the Sydney Metro City & Southwest project identified that the OSD would be subject to a separate assessment process.

Since the CSSI Approval was issued, Sydney Metro has lodged four modification applications to amend the CSSI Approval as outlined below:

- Modification 1- Victoria Cross and Artarmon Substation which involves relocation of the Victoria Cross northern services building from 194-196A Miller Street to 50 McLaren Street together with inclusion of a new station entrance at this location referred to as Victoria Cross North. 52 McLaren Street would also be used to support construction of these works. The modification also involves the relocation of the substation at Artarmon from Butchers Lane to 98 – 104 Reserve Road. This modification application was approved on 18 October 2017.
- Modification 2- Central Walk which involves additional works at Central Railway Station including construction of a new eastern concourse, a new eastern entry, and upgrades to suburban platforms. This modification application was approved on 21 December 2017.
- Modification 3 - Martin Place Station which involves changes to the Sydney Metro Martin Place Station to align with the Unsolicited Proposal by Macquarie Group Limited (Macquarie) for the development of the station precinct. The proposed modification involves a larger reconfigured station layout, provision of a new unpaid concourse link and retention of the existing MLC pedestrian link and works to connect into the Sydney Metro Martin Place Station. It is noted that if the Macquarie proposal does not proceed, the modification (if approved) would be surrendered. This modification application was approved on 22 March 2018.
- Modification 4 - Sydenham Station and Sydney Metro Trains Facility South which incorporated Sydenham Station and precinct works, the Sydney Metro Trains Facility South, works to Sydney Water's Sydenham Pit and Drainage Pumping Station and ancillary infrastructure and track and signalling works into the approved project. This modification application was approved on 13 December 2017.

Given the modifications, the CSSI Approval is now approved to operate to Sydenham Station and also includes the upgrade of Sydenham Station.

The remainder of the City & Southwest project (Sydenham to Bankstown) proposes the conversion of the existing heavy rail line and the upgrade of the existing railway stations along this alignment to metro standards. This portion of the project, referred to as the Sydenham to Bankstown Upgrade, is the subject of a separate CSSI Application (No. SSI 17_8256) for which an Environmental Impact Statement was exhibited between September and November 2017 and a Response to Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure Report was submitted to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) in June 2018 for further exhibition and assessment.

1.3. Planning relationship between Pitt Street Station and the OSD

While the northern portal of Pitt Street Station and the OSD will form an Integrated Station Development, the planning pathways defined under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* require separate approval for each component of the development. In this regard, the approved station works (CSSI Approval) are subject to the provisions of Part 5.1 of the EP&A Act (now referred to as Division 5.2) and the OSD component is subject to the provisions of Part 4 of the EP&A Act.

For clarity, the approved station works under the CSSI Approval included the construction of below and above ground structures necessary for delivering the station and also enabling construction of the integrated OSD. This included but is not limited to:

- demolition of existing development
- excavation
- station structure including concourse and platforms
- lobbies
- retail spaces within the station building
- public domain improvements
- station portal link (between the northern and southern portals of Pitt Street Station)
- access arrangements including vertical transport such as escalators and lifts
- structural and service elements and the relevant space provisioning necessary for constructing OSD, such as columns and beams, space for lift cores, plant rooms, access, parking, retail and building services.

The vertical extent of the approved station works above ground level is defined by the 'transfer slab' level (which for Pitt Street North is defined by RL 48.00), above which would sit the OSD. This delineation is illustrated in **Figure 2** below.

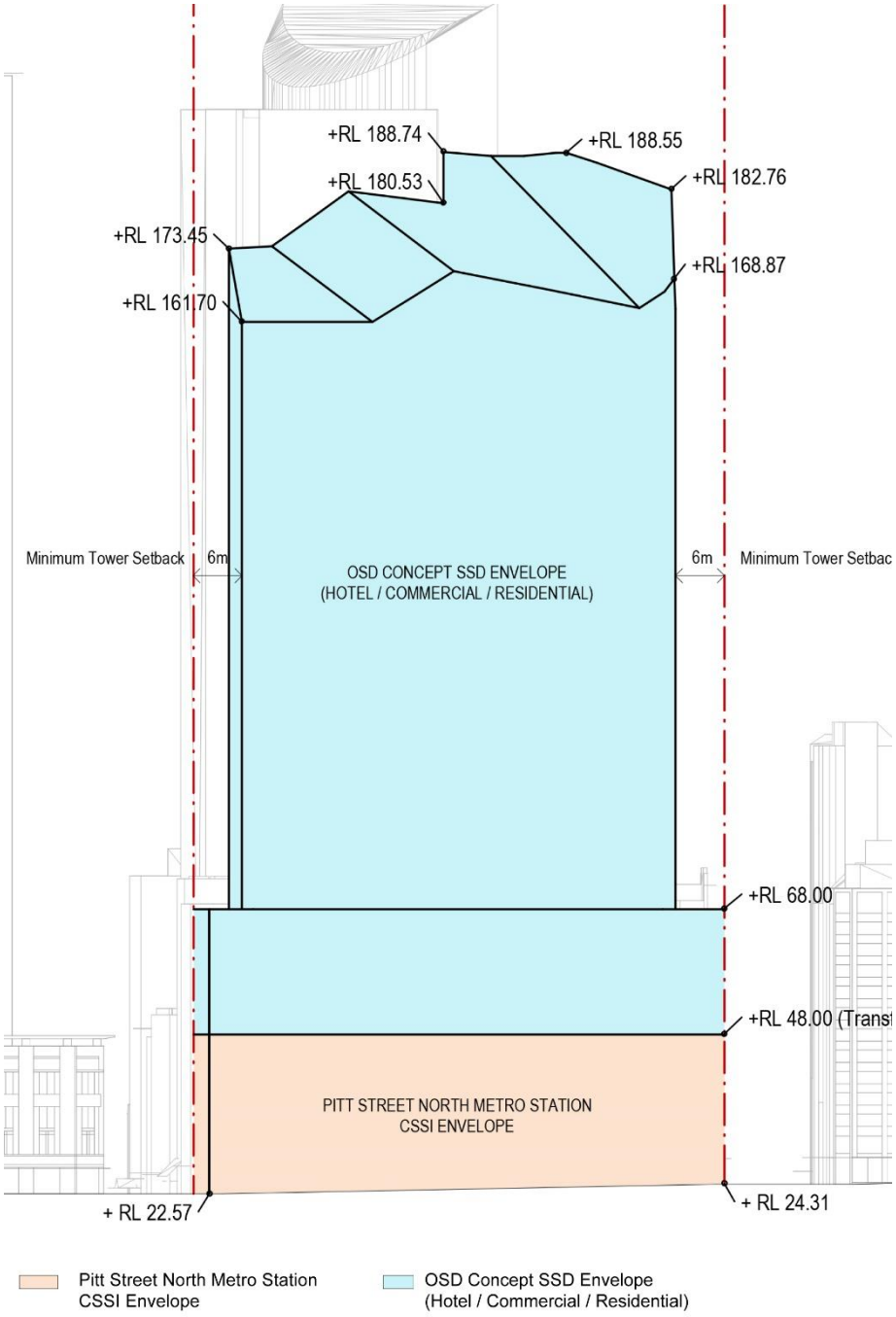


Figure 2: Delineation between station and OSD

The CSSI Approval also establishes the general concept for the ground plane of Pitt Street Station including access strategies for commuters, pedestrians and workers. In this regard, pedestrian access to the station would be from Park Street and the OSD lobbies would be accessed from Pitt Street, Park Street and Castlereagh Street.

Since the issue of the CSSI Approval, Sydney Metro has undertaken sufficient design work to determine the space planning and general layout for the station and identification of those

spaces within the station area that would be available for the OSD. In addition, design work has been undertaken to determine the technical requirements for the structural integration of the OSD with the station. This level of design work has informed the concept proposal for the OSD. It is noted that ongoing design development of the works to be delivered under the CSSI Approval would continue with a view to developing an Interchange Access Plan (IAP) and Station Design Precinct Plan (SDPP) for Pitt Street Station to satisfy Conditions E92 and E101 of the CSSI Approval.

The public domain improvement works around the site would be delivered as part of the CSSI Approval.

1.4. The Site

The Pitt Street North OSD site is located at the southern portion of the Sydney CBD block bounded by Pitt Street, Park Street and Castlereagh Street, above the northern portal of the future Pitt Street Station (refer to **Figure 3** below).

Figure 3: Pitt Street Station location plan

The site is located in the City of Sydney Local Government Area. The site (refer to **Figure 4** below) is irregular in shape, has a total area of approximately 3,150 square metres and has street frontages of approximately 28 metres to Pitt Street, 81 metres to Park Street and 48 metres to Castlereagh Street.

The site address is 175-183 Castlereagh Street, Sydney and comprises the following properties:

- Lot 3 in DP 74952
- Lot 1 in DP 229365
- Lot 2 in DP 900055
- Lot 1 in DP 596474
- Lot 17 in DP 1095869
- Lot 2 in DP 509677
- Lot 1 in DP 982663
- Lot 2 in DP 982663
- Lot 3 in DP 61187
- Lot 1 in DP 74367

Figure 4: Aerial photo of Pitt Street North

1.5. Overview of the proposed development

The concept SSD Application seeks concept approval in accordance with section 4.22 of the EP&A Act for the OSD above the approved Pitt Street Station (northern portal). This Application establishes the planning framework and strategies to inform the detailed design of the future OSD and specifically seeks planning approval for:

- a building envelope as illustrated at Figure 5
- a maximum building height of approximately Relative Level (RL) 189 which equates to approximately 43 storeys including a podium height of RL68 (approximately 45m), which equates to approximately 12 storeys above ground
- a maximum GFA of 49,120 square metres for the OSD component, which equates to a Floor Space Ratio (FSR) of 15.59:1, resulting in a total maximum GFA at the site (including station floorspace) of 50,309 square metres and a total maximum FSR of 15.97:1, including flexibility to enable a change in the composition of land uses within the maximum FSR sought
- conceptual use of the building envelope for a range of uses including commercial office space, visitor accommodation and residential accommodation
- use of the conceptual OSD space provisioning within the footprint of the CSSI Approval (both above and below ground), including the OSD lobby areas, podium car parking, storage facilities, services and back-of-house facilities
- car parking for approximately 50 spaces located across five levels of the podium
- loading and vehicular access arrangements from Pitt Street
- pedestrian access from Pitt Street, Park Street and Castlereagh Street
- strategies for utilities and service provision
- strategies for the management of stormwater and drainage
- a strategy for the achievement of ecologically sustainable development
- indicative signage zones
- a strategy for public art
- a design excellence framework
- the future subdivision of parts of the OSD footprint (if required)

As this concept SSD Application is a staged development pursuant to section 4.22 of the EP&A Act, future approval would be sought for detailed design and construction of the OSD. A concept indicative design, showing a potential building form outcome at the site, has been provided as part of this concept SSD Application at Appendix E.

Pitt Street Station is to be a key station on the future Sydney Metro network, providing access to the Sydney Central Business District (CBD). The proposal combines the metro station with a significant mixed use tower, contributing to the Sydney skyline. The OSD would assist in strengthening the role of Central Sydney as the key centre of business in Australia and would contribute to the diversity, amenity and sustainability of the CBD.

It is noted that Pitt Street Station southern portal OSD has been subject to a separate application, and does not form part of this concept SSD Application.

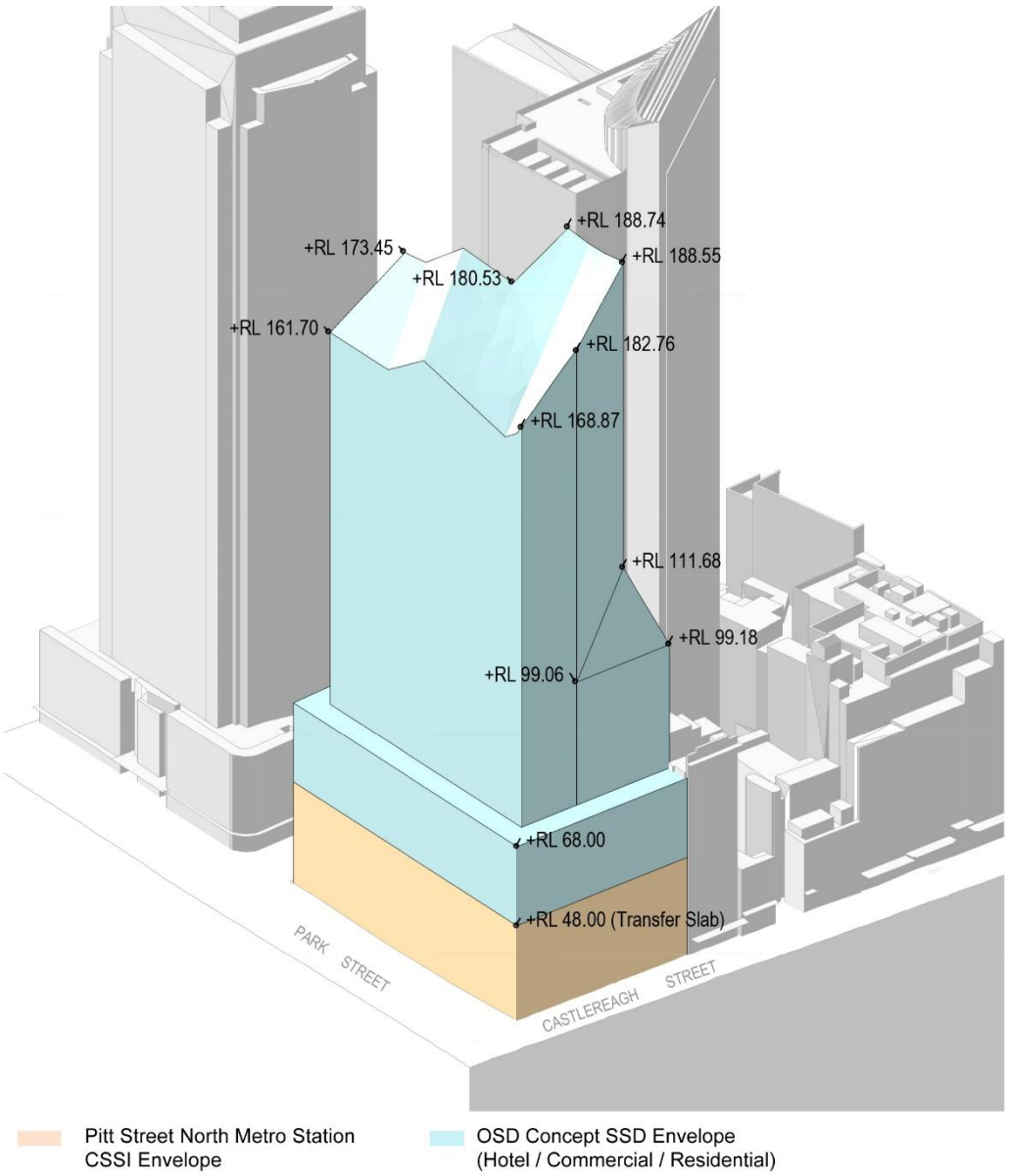


Figure 5: Pitt Street North OSD building, including OSD components (orange) and station box (grey)

Figure 6: Pitt Street North OSD indicative design, as seen from eastern, southern and western elevations

1.6. Staging and framework for managing environmental impacts

Sydney Metro proposes to procure the delivery of the Pitt Street North integrated station development in one single package, which would entail the following works:

- station structure
- station fit-out, including mechanical and electrical
- OSD structure
- OSD fit-out, including mechanical and electrical.

Separate delivery packages are also proposed by Sydney Metro to deliver the excavation of the station boxes/shafts ahead of the ISD delivery package, and line-wide systems (e.g. track, power, ventilation) and operational readiness works prior to the Sydney Metro City & Southwest metro system being able to operate.

Three possible staging scenarios have been identified for delivery of the Integrated Station Development:

1. Scenario 1 – the station and OSD are constructed concurrently by constructing the transfer slab first and then building in both directions. Both the station and OSD would be completed in 2024.

2. Scenario 2 – the station is constructed first and ready for operation in 2024. OSD construction may still be incomplete or soon ready to commence after station construction is completed. This means that some or all OSD construction is likely to still be underway upon opening of the station in 2024.
3. Scenario 3 – the station is constructed first and ready for operation in 2024. The OSD is built at a later stage, with timing yet to be determined. This creates two distinct construction periods for the station and OSD.

Scenario 1 represents Sydney Metro's preferred option as it would provide for completion of the full integrated station development and therefore the optimum public benefit at the site at the earliest date possible (i.e. on or near 2024 when the station is operational). However, given the delivery of the OSD could be influenced by property market forces, Scenarios 2 or 3 could also occur, where there is a lag between completion of the station component of the ISD (station open and operational), and a subsequent development.

The final staging for the delivery of the OSD would be resolved as part of the detailed SSD Application(s).

For the purposes of providing a high level assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with construction, the following have been considered:

- Impacts directly associated with the OSD, the subject of this SSD Application
- Cumulative impacts of the construction of the OSD at the same time as the station works (subject of the CSSI Approval).

Given the integration of the delivery of the Sydney Metro City & Southwest metro station with an OSD development, Sydney Metro proposes the framework detailed in

Figure 7 to manage the design and environmental impacts, consistent with the framework adopted for the CSSI Approval, which includes:

- project design – measures which are inherent in the design of the project to avoid and minimise impacts
- mitigation measures – additional to the project design which are identified through the environmental impact assessment
- construction environmental management framework – details the management processes and documentation for the project
- construction noise and vibration strategy – identifies measures to manage construction noise and vibration
- design guidelines – provides an assurance of end-state quality
- environmental performance outcomes – establishes intended outcomes which would be achieved by the project

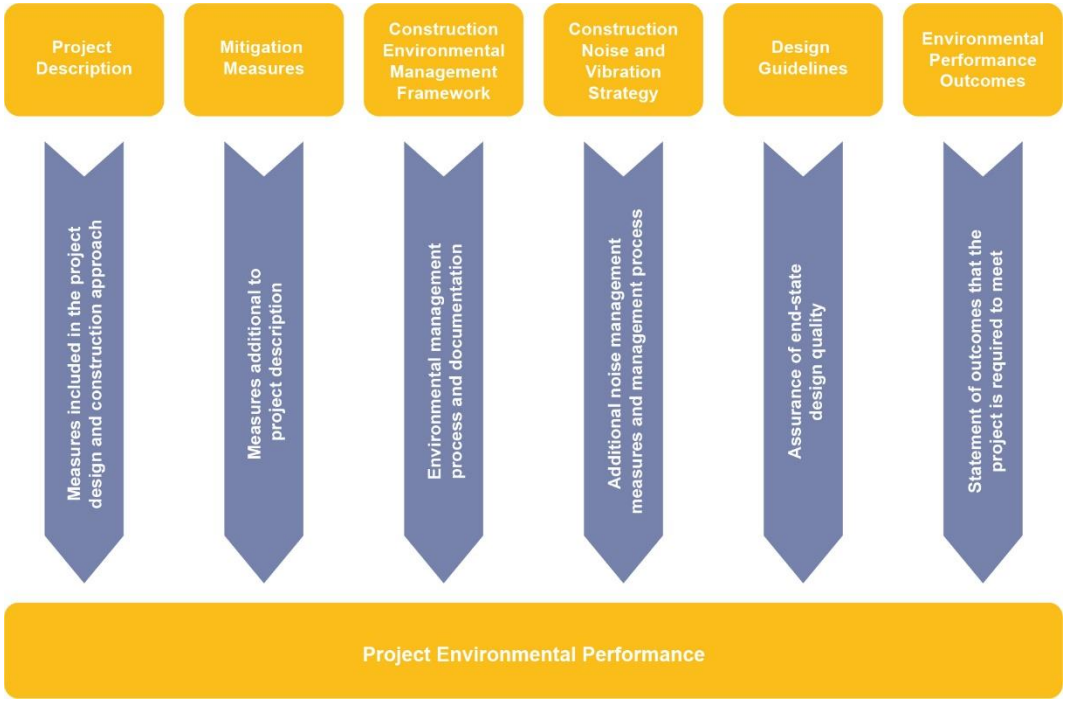


Figure 7: Project approach to environmental mitigation and management

Sydney Metro proposes to implement a similar environmental management framework where the integrated delivery of the CSSI station works and the OSD occur concurrently. This would ensure a consistent approach to management of design interface and construction-related issues.

Sydney Metro proposes this environmental management framework would apply to the OSD until completion of the station and public domain components of the integrated station development delivery contract (i.e. those works under the CSSI Approval). Should the OSD be constructed beyond the practical completion and opening of the section, standard practices for managing construction related environmental impacts would apply in accordance with the relevant guidelines and Conditions of Approval for the detailed SSD Application(s).

2. Introduction

2.1. The Development

Sydney Metro has tasked Landrum & Brown Worldwide (Australia) Pty Ltd to prepare an Aeronautical Impact Assessment (AIA) for the proposed over station development (OSD) at Pitt Street North, Sydney, NSW.

The development site is located in the Central Business District of Sydney, approximately 8 km north of Sydney Airport.

The building envelope encompasses the area between Pitt Street, Park Street and Castlereagh Street to a maximum height of 188.74 m AHD to avoid overshadowing of Hyde Park between control times.

3. Prescribed Airspace

3.1. Overview

Prescribed Airspace for an airport is the airspace above any part of either an Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) or a PANS OPS (Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Aircraft Operations) surface for the airport.

The OLS are conceptual surfaces associated with runways that are designed to protect aircraft operations from unrestricted obstacle growth. The OLS at Sydney Airport comprises the following:

- outer horizontal surface (OHS);
- conical surface;
- inner horizontal surface (IHS);
- approach surface;
- inner approach surface;
- transitional surface;
- inner transitional surface;
- baulked landing surface; and
- take-off climb surface.

The PANS OPS surfaces are designed to guarantee an obstacle free path to and from a runway, with a prescribed minimum obstacle clearance above the obstacles or terrain, for the safety of aircraft operations in Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC).

Infringement by a building or crane through the OLS requires the support of Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL), and the approval of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), and the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC).

Infringement of the PANS OPS surfaces are not supported by the authorities.

3.2. Obstacle Limitation Surfaces

The development is located underneath the Obstacle Limitation Surface for Sydney Airport.

Figure 8 depicts the proposed development location in relation to the OLS diagram, as published in the Sydney Airport Master Plan 2015.

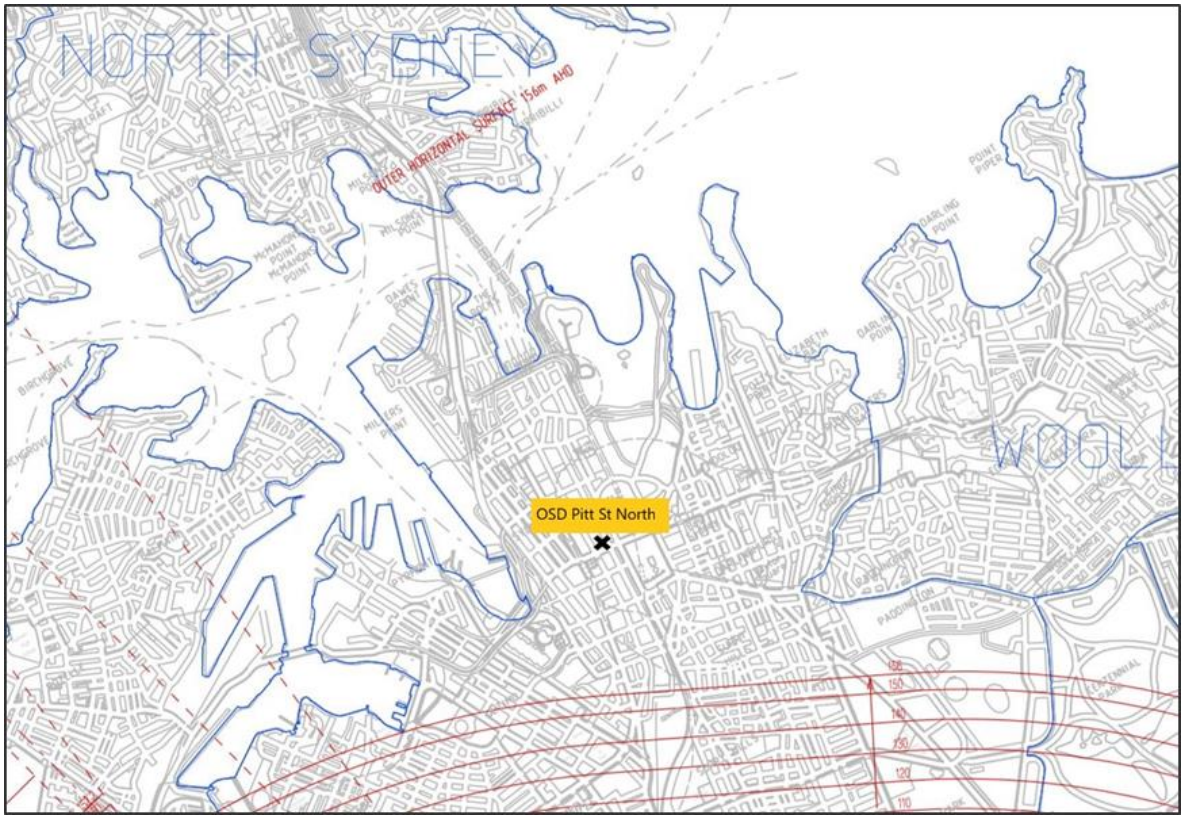


Figure 8: Development site in relation to Sydney Airport's OLS (Source: Sydney Airport Ltd Master Plan 2015)

3.3. Impact of development on Sydney Airport OLS

The lowest of the OLS above the development site is the Outer Horizontal Surface (OHS), at a height of 156 m AHD. The proposed building envelope will infringe this surface by 32.74 m.

According to the Manual of Standards Part 139 – Aerodromes, a new obstacle located in the vicinity of an existing obstacle which has already been assessed as not presenting a hazard to aircraft operations, is deemed to be shielded. A shielded obstacle should not require marking or lighting.

The proposed development is shielded by Sydney Tower at 100 Market Street, as well as several other buildings in the vicinity.

Table 1 identifies the heights of Sydney Airport's Prescribed Airspace above the development site, and identifies an infringement (in red) or clearance height (in green).

Sydney Airport	Runway (RWY)	Height of surface (m AHD)	Infringement by OSD Envelope of 188.74 m AHD
Outer Horizontal Surface (OHS)	All Runways	156	32.74
PANS OPS Departure	34R	331	142.26
PANS OPS Departure	34L	367	178.26
PANS OPS Departure	07	304	115.26
PANS OPS Approaches	All Runways	NA	NA
PANS OPS 25 nm MSA	NA	518	329.26
PANS OPS 10 nm MSA	NA	335	146.26
Radar Terrain Clearance Chart	NA	335	146.26

Table 1: Sydney Airport Prescribed Airspace Heights above site (*Source: Landrum & Brown)*

3.4. Other Airport OLS

No other airports have OLS existing above the proposed development site.

3.5. Impact of the development on Sydney Airport PANS OPS

The lowest PANS OPS surface above the OSD site is 304 m AHD, and is related to the departure procedure for Runway 07.

This site will not infringe the Sydney Airport PANS OPS surfaces.

3.6. Nearby Airport PANS OPS

The following airports have PANS OPS surfaces related to their 25 nm Minimum Safe Altitude (MSA):

- RAAF Base Richmond;
- Camden;
- Bankstown; and
- Western Sydney Airport (under development).

Due to the distance from these airports, the proposed development does not infringe the associated PANS OPS.

Table 2 depicts the lowest PANS OPS surface above the development site for each airport.

Aerodrome	PANS OPS Surface Height (m)	Impact of OSD
RAAF Base Richmond	457	Nil

Aerodrome	PANS OPS Surface Height (m)	Impact of OSD
Camden	1340	Nil
Bankstown	700	Nil
Western Sydney Airport	Under Development	Will not have an impact

Table 2: Nearby Airport PANS OPS Surface Heights (*Source: Landrum & Brown)*

4. ATC Surveillance System Performance

This assessment identified two radars in relative proximity to the development at the Pitt Street North site. These are the Sydney Airport Terminal Area Radar (TAR), and the Cecil Park TAR.

The OSD envelope, at a height of 188.74 m AHD, will infringe the Sydney Airport TAR clearance plane. This plane is infringed by every building in the area that reaches a height of 115.9 m AHD or above.

This issue is recognised by Airservices Australia and has been mitigated by the placement of the Cecil Park radar, and more recently ADS-B receivers, to ensure that ATC receives adequate surveillance coverage for the airspace around the Sydney Basin airports.

A Radar Terrain Clearance Chart (RTCC) protection surface exists above the site. This surface relates to the lowest level that aircraft are able to descend to whilst under the direction of Air Traffic Control (ATC). The RTCC height above the OSD is 335 m AHD, and therefore is not impacted by the proposed development.

Table 3 depicts the impact of the development on the performance of the ATC Surveillance System Performance.

Surveillance System	Distance from development	Distance in metres	Antenna Elevation (m AHD)	Plane elevation at Pitt Street North Site (m AHD) Distance x Tan 0.5° + TAR elevation	Infringement result for building envelope of 188.74 m AHD
Sydney Airport TAR	8.9 km North East	8900	38.2	115.9	Infringement
Cecil Park TAR	34.35 km West	34350	200.51	500.3	No infringement
RTCC	Overhead			335	No infringement

Table 3: Impact of development on ATC Surveillance System Performance (*Source – Landrum & Brown)*

5. Navigation Aid Performance

5.1. Sydney Airport

There are a number of navigation aids installed at Sydney Airport including ILS, GBAS and DME.

The Building Restricted Areas (BRA) describe a sensitive zone that exists to prescribed radii from the navigation aid antenna sites. The development limitations within the BRA is specified in the Airservices Australia document Navigation Aid Building Restricted Areas and Siting Guidance AEI-7.1613 Issue 2.

The development site is located outside of all BRA for all of the Sydney Airport navigation aids.

5.2. Other Airport's Navigation Aids

The development site is not located within the BRA for any navigation aids at other airports, and therefore will not affect the operation of those navigation aids.

6. Roof Top Exhaust Plumes

Exhaust plumes on top of the building with an exit velocity in excess of 4.3 m/s should be referred to CASA for assessment and determination of whether a hazard exists.

7. Obstacle Lighting

As the proposed development will be assessed by the authorities to be shielded by existing CBD buildings, there should be no requirement for obstruction lighting.

8. Helicopter operations in the Vicinity

Helicopter operations within the Sydney CBD take place during daylight hours and in Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC), whereby the pilots can see and avoid all obstacles in the environment in which they are operating. Although Police and Ambulance helicopters may be required to operate during hours of darkness, they will still operate on a visual basis.

The main helicopter routes within the Sydney Control Zone are not located near the development site.

The building envelope will not impact upon helicopter flight operations in this area.

9. Consultation and Approval Process

Prior to commencing this assessment, L&B contacted the Airspace Protection Office of Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) to confirm the process for approval of new obstacles.

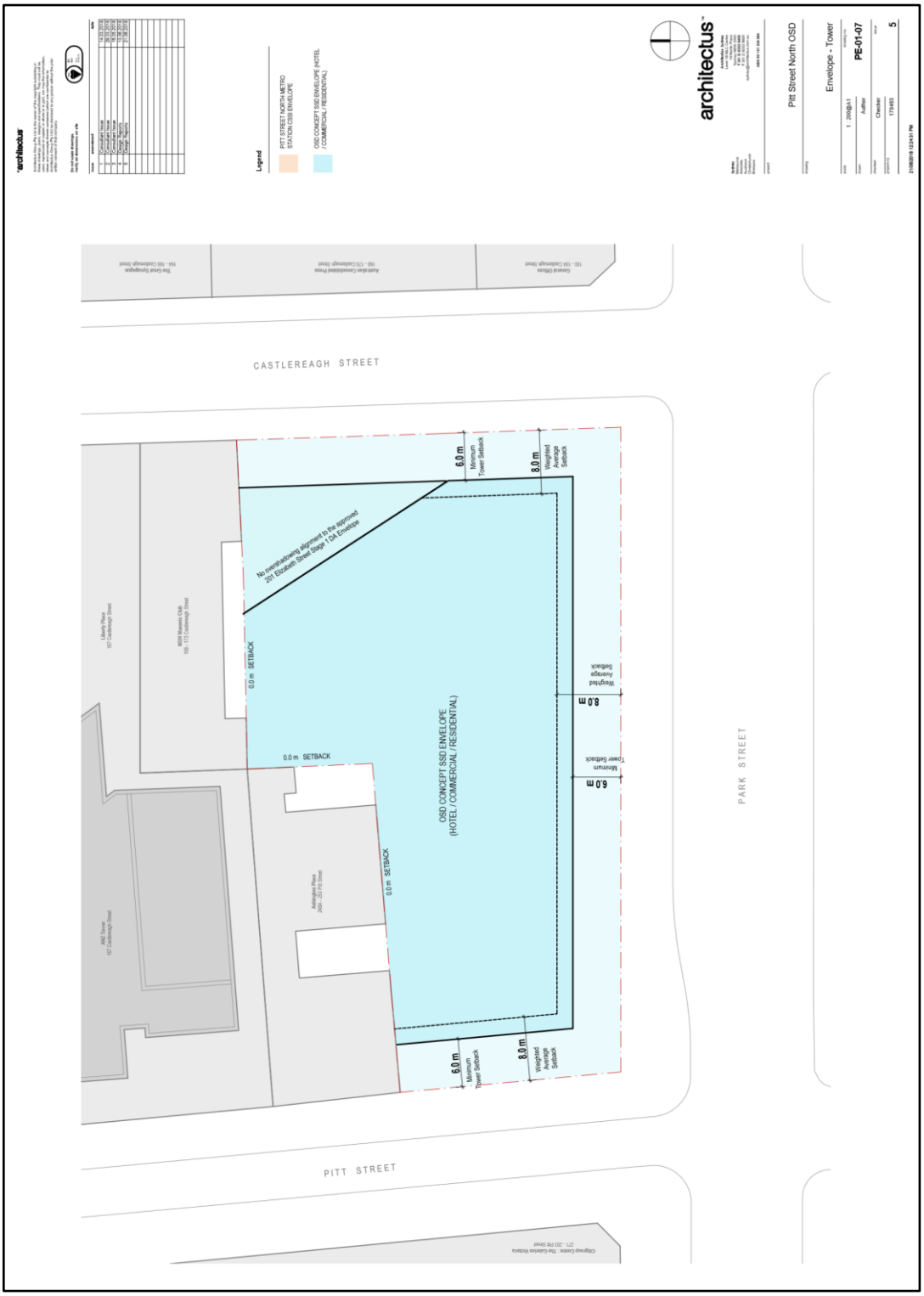
Peter Bleasdale, the Airfield Design Manager for SACL, advised that all developments planned above 156 m AHD in the central business district of Sydney would require the approval of the Department of Infrastructure, Regional development and Cities (DIRDC).

In the case of the OSD at Pitt Street North, an application to infringe the OLS must be prepared and submitted to SACL. The Airspace Protection Office will review the application, and forward to Airservices Australia and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) for their assessment. All comments will be delivered to the DIRDC, who will adjudicate based on the evidence provided by the other authorities.

This approval process usually takes three months and will be undertaken as part of the detailed SSD Application process. As confirmed by the SACL Airfield Design Manager, this development is shielded by existing buildings in the Sydney CBD, and will not impose any additional hazard to aviation activities.

Appendix A

Building Envelope and Elevations



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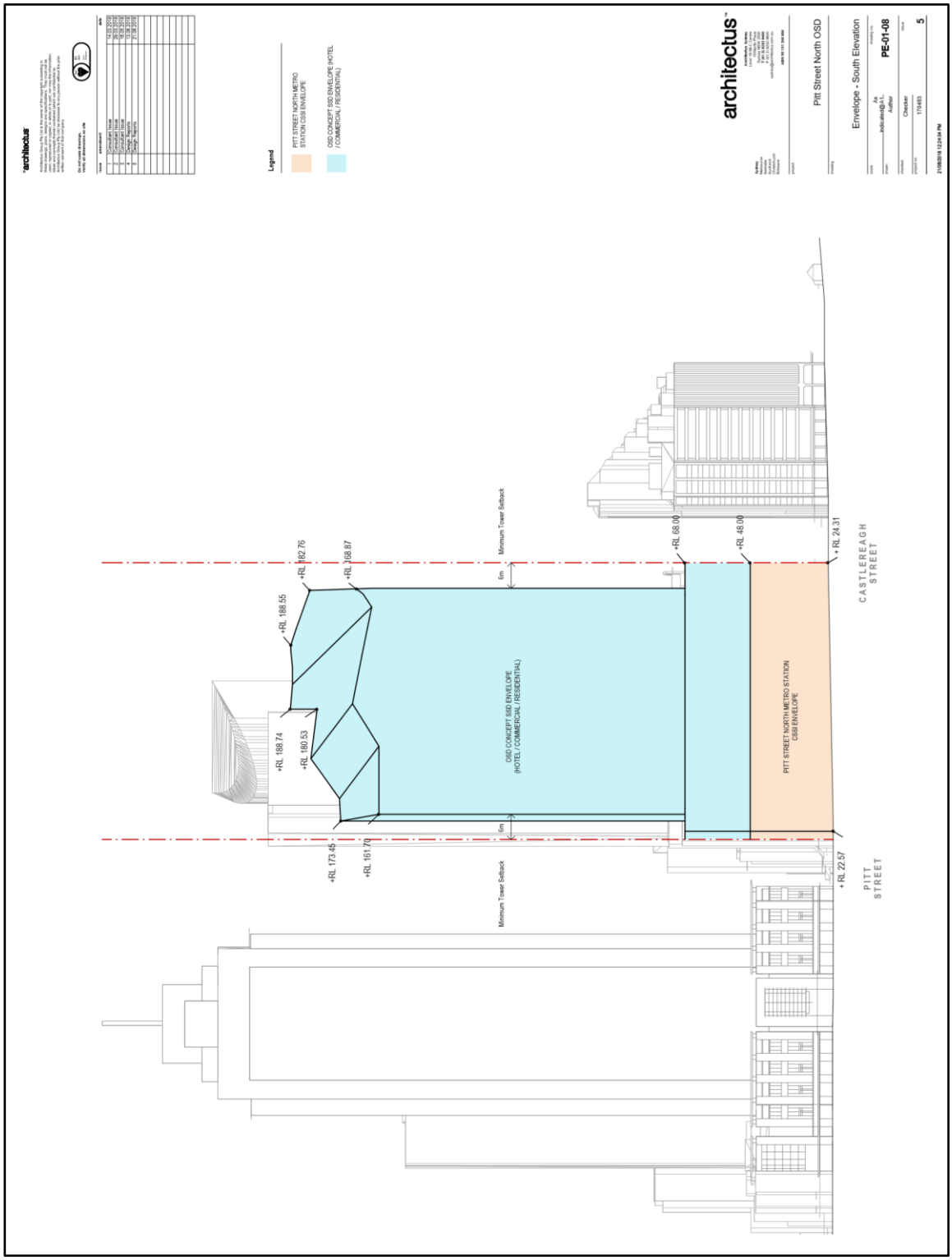

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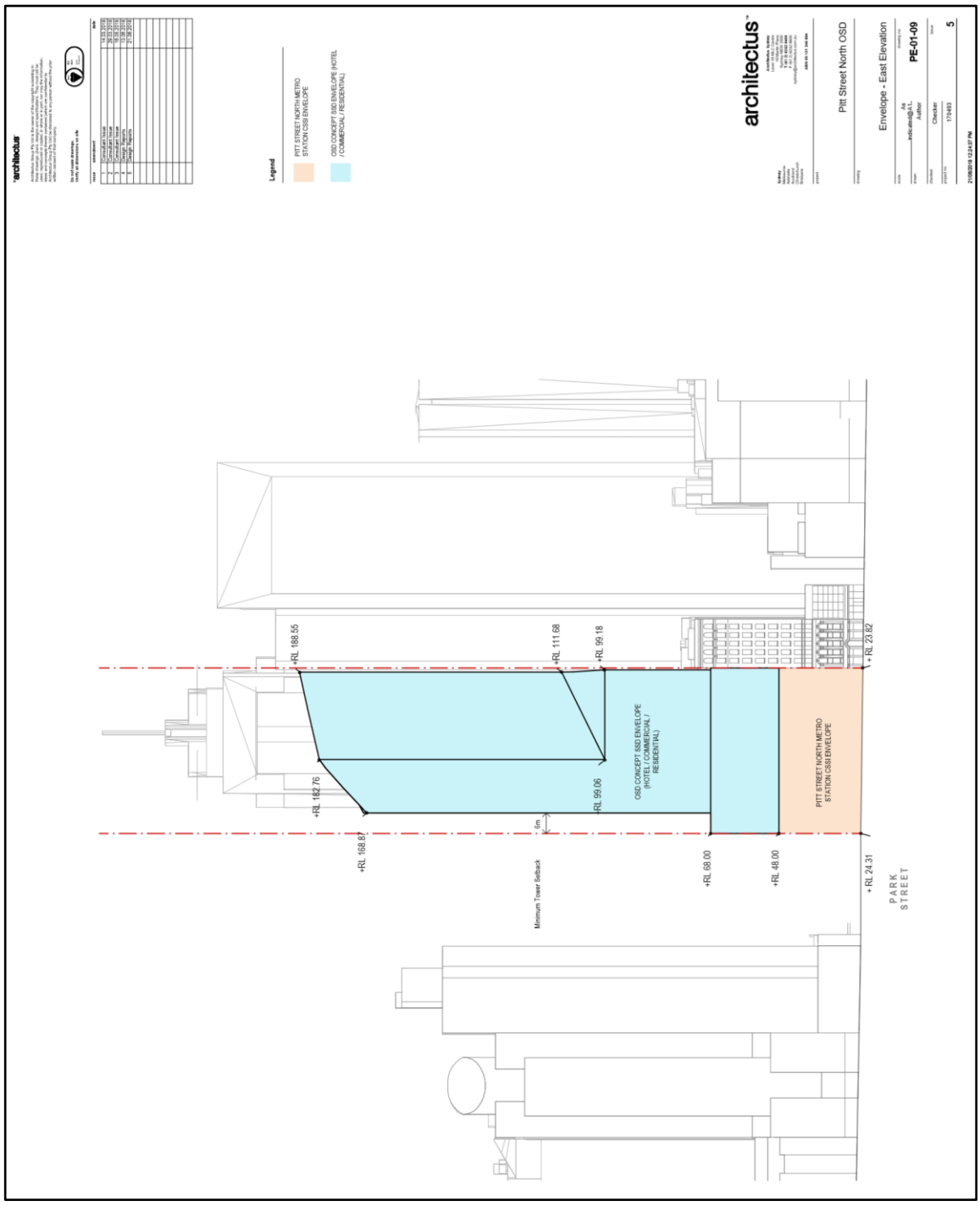

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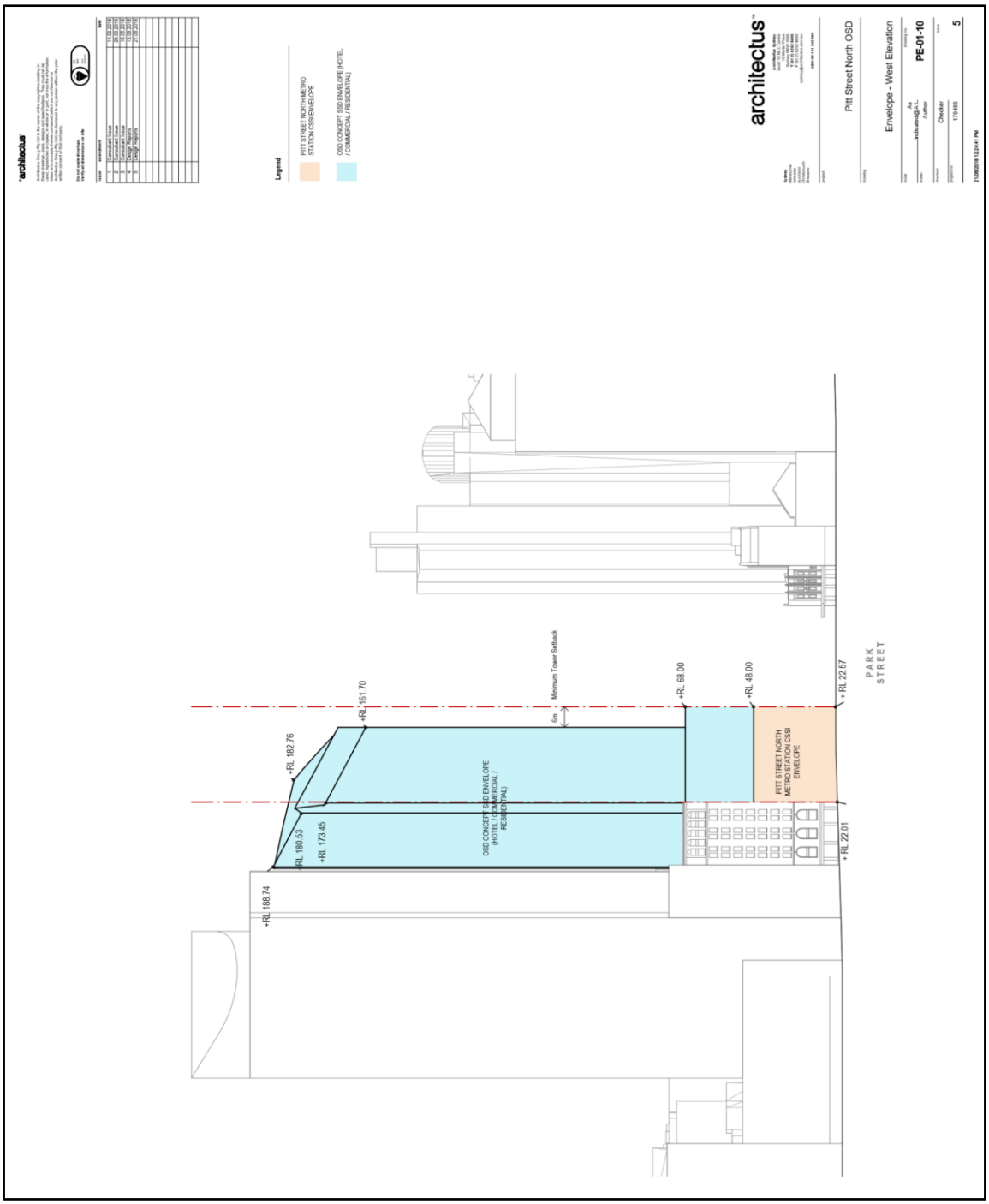

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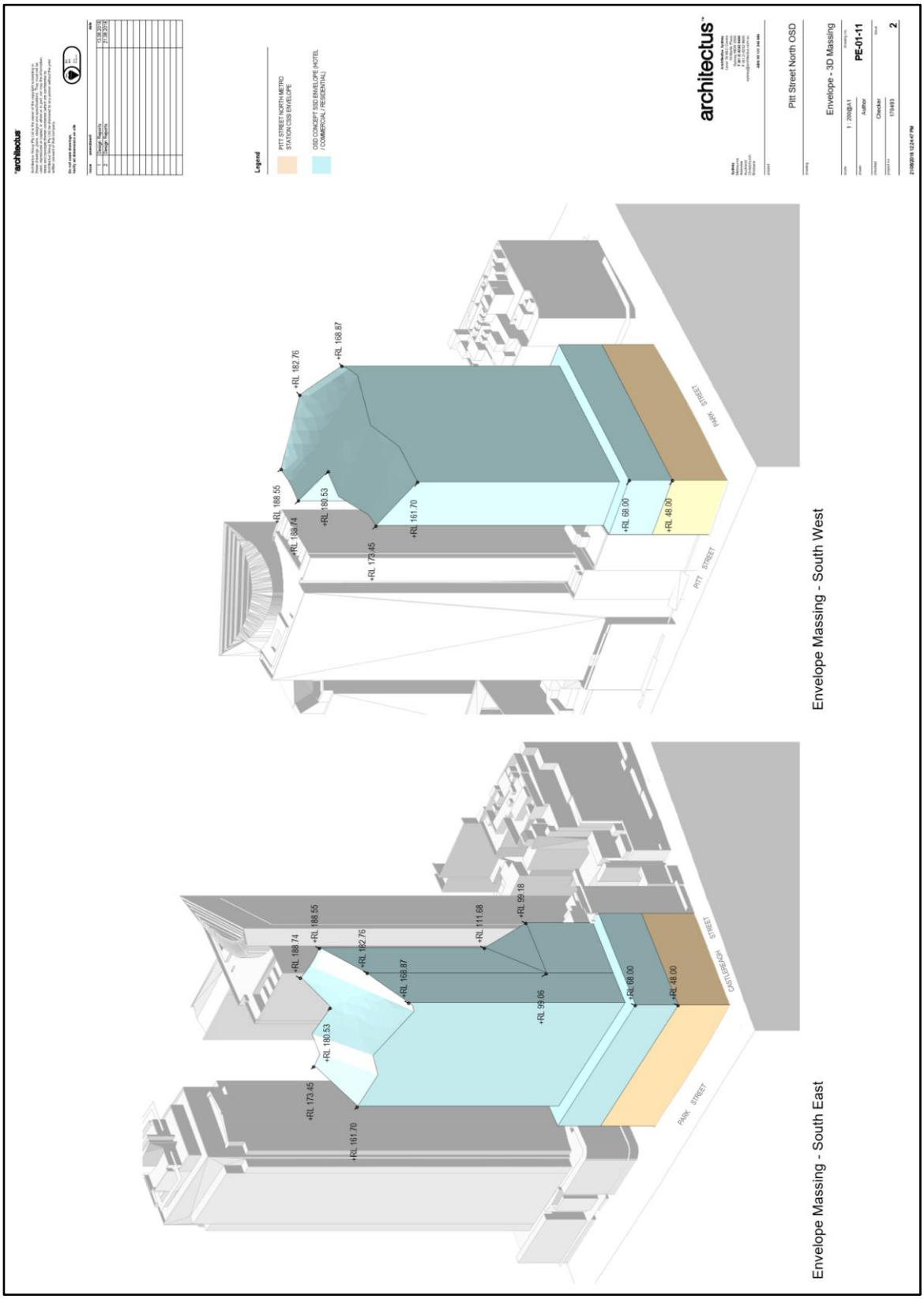

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Appendix B

Assessment Methodology

In preparing aeronautical impact assessments associated with airport safeguarding and protection, it is necessary to observe the requirements of the relevant aviation authorities including:

- The Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC);
- The Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Australia (CASA);
- Airservices Australia (ASA);
- Airport Operators; and
- Department of Defence, where appropriate.

The *Airports Act 1996* and *Airports (Protection of Airspace) Regulations 1996* prescribes the volumes of airspace surrounding Federally Leased Airports that protect aircraft operations into those airports, in order to ensure the safety and regularity of airline and other flight operations.

Sydney Airport's Prescribed Airspace comprises:

- Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) that restrict obstacle growth in the vicinity of takeoff and landing paths; and
- PANS OPS surfaces that provide a buffer between flight paths and terrain or obstacles.

Relevant Acts and Regulations applicable to developments near airports and air traffic routes were referenced during this assessment.

The major relevant documents include:

- The Airports Act 1996, Airports (Protection of Airspace) Regulations 1996;
- Civil Aviation Safety Regulation (CASR) Part 139 Manual of Standards – Aerodromes;
- Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP);
- Airservices Australia's Airways Engineering Instruction – Navigation Aid Building Restricted Areas and Siting Guidance (BRA);
- International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) DOC 8168 Procedures for Air Navigation – Aircraft Operations (PANS OPS).

Appendix C

Glossary of Aeronautical Terms and Abbreviations

To facilitate the understanding of aviation terminology used in this report, the following is a glossary of terms and acronyms that are commonly used in aeronautical impact assessments and similar aeronautical studies.

AC (Advisory Circulars) are issued by CASA and are intended to provide recommendations and guidance to illustrate a means, but not necessarily the only means, of complying with the *Regulations*.

Aeronautical study is a tool used to review aerodrome and airspace processes and procedures to ensure that safety criteria are appropriate.

AIPs (Aeronautical Information Publications) are publications promulgated to provide operators with aeronautical information of a lasting character essential to air navigation. They contain details of regulations, procedures and other information pertinent to flying and operation of aircraft. In Australia, AIP is issued by Airservices Australia on behalf of CASA.

Air routes exist between navigation aid equipped aerodromes or waypoints to facilitate the regular and safe flow of aircraft operating under IFR.

Airservices Australia is the Australian government-owned corporation providing safe and environmentally sound air traffic management and related airside services to the aviation industry.

Altitude is the vertical distance of a level, a point or an object, considered as a point, measured from mean sea level.

ATC (Air Traffic Control) service is a service provided for the purpose of:

a. preventing collisions:
    1. between aircraft; and
    2. on the manoeuvring area between aircraft and obstructions; and
b. expediting and maintaining an orderly flow of air traffic.

CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) is the Australian government authority responsible under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* for developing and promulgating appropriate, clear and concise aviation safety standards. As Australia is a signatory to the ICAO *Chicago Convention,* CASA adopts the standards and recommended practices established by ICAO, except where a difference has been notified.

CASR (Civil Aviation Safety Regulations) are promulgated by CASA and establish the regulatory framework *(Regulations)* within which all service providers must operate.

Civil Aviation Act 1988 (the Act) establishes the CASA with functions relating to civil aviation, in particular the safety of civil aviation and for related purposes.

ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) is an agency of the United Nations which codifies the principles and techniques of international air navigation and fosters the planning and development of international air transport to ensure safe and orderly growth. The ICAO Council adopts standards and recommended practices concerning air navigation, its infrastructure, flight inspection, prevention of unlawful interference, and facilitation of border-crossing procedures for international civil aviation. In addition, the ICAO defines the protocols for air accident investigation followed by transport safety authorities in countries signatory to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, commonly known as the *Chicago Convention*. Australia is a signatory to the *Chicago Convention.*

IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) are rules applicable to the conduct of flight under IMC. IFR are established to govern flight under conditions in which flight by outside visual reference is not safe. IFR flight depends upon flying by reference to instruments in the flight deck, and navigation is accomplished by reference to electronic signals. It is also referred to as, “a term used by pilots and controllers to indicate the type of flight plan an aircraft is flying,” such as an IFR or VFR flight plan. Pilots must hold IFR qualifications and aircraft must be suitably equipped with appropriate instruments and navigation aids to enable flight in IMC.

IMC (Instrument Meteorological Conditions) are meteorological conditions expressed in terms of visibility, distance from cloud and ceiling, less than the minimum specified for visual meteorological conditions.

LSALT (Lowest Safe Altitudes) are published for each low level air route segment. Their purpose is to allow pilots of aircraft that suffer a system failure to descend to the LSALT to ensure terrain or obstacle clearance in IMC where the pilot cannot see the terrain or obstacles due to cloud or poor visibility conditions. It is an altitude that is at least 1,000 feet above any obstacle or terrain within a defined safety buffer region around a particular route that a pilot might fly.

MOS (Manual of Standards) comprises specifications (Standards) prescribed by CASA, of uniform application, determined to be necessary for the safety of air navigation.

NOTAMs (Notices to Airmen) are notices issued by the NOTAM office containing information or instruction concerning the establishment, condition or change in any aeronautical facility, service, procedure or hazard, the timely knowledge of which is essential to persons concerned with flight operations.

Obstacles. All fixed (whether temporary or permanent) and mobile objects, or parts thereof, that are located on an area intended for the surface movement of aircraft or that extend above a defined surface intended to protect aircraft in flight.

OLS (Obstacle Limitation Surfaces) are a series of planes associated with each runway at an aerodrome that defines the desirable limits to which objects may project into the airspace around the aerodrome so that aircraft operations may be conducted safely.

PANS OPS (Procedures for Air Navigation Services - Aircraft Operations) is an Air Traffic Control term denominating rules for designing instrument approach and departure procedures. Such procedures are used to allow aircraft to land and take off under Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC) or Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). ICAO document 8168-

OPS/611 (volumes 1 and 2) outlines the principles for airspace protection and procedure design which all ICAO signatory states must adhere to. The regulatory material surrounding PANS OPS may vary from country to country.

PANS OPS Surfaces. Similar to an Obstacle Limitation Surface, the PANS OPS protection surfaces are imaginary surfaces in space which guarantee the aircraft a certain minimum obstacle clearance. These surfaces may be used as a tool for local governments in assessing building development. Where buildings may (under certain circumstances) be permitted to infringe the OLS, they cannot be permitted to infringe any PANS OPS surface, because the purpose of these surfaces is to guarantee pilots operating under IMC an obstacle free descent path for a given approach.

Prescribed airspace is an airspace specified in, or ascertained in accordance with, the Regulations, where it is in the interests of the safety, efficiency or regularity of existing or future air transport operations into or out of an airport for the airspace to be protected. The prescribed airspace for an airport is the airspace above any part of either an OLS or a PANS OPS surface for the airport and airspace declared in a declaration relating to the airport.

Radar Terrain Clearance Chart (RTCC) is a chart that provides air traffic controllers with the lowest usable altitude that they can vector an aircraft using prescribed surveillance procedures within controlled airspace. There is a protection surface below this usable altitude which is shown in airport master plans.

Regulations (Civil Aviation Safety Regulations)

VFR (Visual Flight Rules) are rules applicable to the conduct of flight under VMC. VFR allow a pilot to operate an aircraft in weather conditions generally clear enough to allow the pilot to maintain visual contact with the terrain and to see where the aircraft is going. Specifically, the weather must be better than basic VFR weather minima. If the weather is worse than VFR minima, pilots are required to use instrument flight rules. Pilots must be specifically qualified and aircraft specifically equipped to enable flight in IMC,

VMC (Visual Meteorological Conditions) are meteorological conditions expressed in terms of visibility, distance from cloud and ceiling, equal or better than specified minima.

Abbreviations

Abbreviations used in this report, and the meanings assigned to them for the purposes of this report are detailed in the following table.

Abbreviation	Meaning
AC	Advisory Circular (document support CAR 1998)
ACFT	Aircraft
AD	Aerodrome
ADS-B	Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast
AHD	Australian Height Datum
AIP	Aeronautical Information Publication
Airports Act	Airports Act 1996, as amended
AIS	Aeronautical Information Service
ALT	Altitude
AMSL	Above Mean Sea Level
APARs	Airports (Protection of Airspace) Regulations, 1996 as amended
ARP	Aerodrome Reference Point
AsA	Airservices Australia
ATC	Air Traffic Control(ler)
ATM	Air Traffic Management
BRA	Building Restricted Area
CAO	Civil Aviation Order
CAR	Civil Aviation Regulation
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
CASR	Civil Aviation Safety Regulation
Cat	Category
DAP	Departure and Approach Procedures (charts published by AsA)
DER	Departure End of (the) Runway
DME	Distance Measuring Equipment
Doc nn	ICAO Document Number nn
DIT	Department of Infrastructure and Transport. (Formerly Dept. of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and Department of Transport and Regional Services (DoTARS))
DOTARS	See DIT above
ELEV	Elevation (above mean sea level)
ENE	East North East

Abbreviation	Meaning
ERSA	Enroute Supplement Australia
FAF	Final Approach Fix
FAP	Final Approach Point
ft	feet
GBAS	Ground Based Augmentation System (satellite precision landing system)
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GP	Glide Path
IAS	Indicated Airspeed
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
IHS	Inner Horizontal Surface, an Obstacle Limitation Surface
ILS	Instrument Landing System
ISA	International Standard Atmosphere
km	kilometres
kt	Knot (one nautical mile per hour)
LAT	Latitude
LLZ	Localizer
LONG	Longitude
m	metres
MAPt	Missed Approach Point
MDA	Minimum Descent Altitude
MGA94	Map Grid Australia 1994
MOC	Minimum Obstacle Clearance
MOS	Manual of Standards, published by CASA
MSA	Minimum Sector Altitude
MVA	Minimum Vector Altitude
NASAG	National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group
NDB	Non Directional Beacon
NE	North East
NM	Nautical Mile (= 1.852 km)
nnDME	Distance from the DME (in nautical miles)
NNE	North North East
NOTAM	NOtice to AirMen
OAS	Obstacle Assessment Surface
OCA	Obstacle Clearance Altitude

Abbreviation	Meaning
OCH	Obstacle Clearance Height
OHS	Outer Horizontal Surface
OIS	Obstacle Identification Surface
OLS	Obstacle Limitation Surface
PANS OPS	Procedures for Air Navigation Services – Aircraft Operations, ICAO Doc 8168
PBN	Performance Based Navigation
PRM	Precision Runway Monitor
QNH	An altimeter setting relative to height above mean sea level
REF	Reference
RL	Relative Level
RNAV	aRea NAVigation
RNP	Required Navigation Performance
RPA	Rules and Practices for Aerodromes — replaced by the MOS Part 139 — Aerodromes
RPT	Regular Public Transport
RTCC	Radar Terrain Clearance Chart
RWY	Runway
SFC	Surface
SID	Standard Instrument Departure
SOC	Start Of Climb
STAR	STandard ARrival
SGHAT	Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool
TAR	Terminal Approach Radar
TAS	True Air Speed
THR	Threshold (Runway)
TNA	Turn Altitude
TODA	Take-Off Distance Available
V_n	aircraft critical Velocity reference
VOR	Very high frequency Omni directional Range
WAC	World Aeronautical Chart