



Australian Future Airspace Framework Technical Working Group Tasking Instructions

The Australian Future Airspace Framework (AFAF) Technical Working Group (TWG) is established and operates in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Aviation Safety Advisory Panel (ASAP) dated September 2023 (or as amended).

Background

CASA is developing the AFAF in accordance with the Government's airspace policy objectives detailed in the Australian Airspace Policy Statement 2021. The AFAF is a structural outline describing the design principles for the future airspace. It will deliver a process for how to propose and assess design changes for implementation into the Australian-administered airspace. The AFAF will be Australia's primary reference source for airspace strategic principles, future operations, and strategic change planning. Design changes will be integrated into the long-term strategic airspace plan to support implementation into Australian-administered airspace.

The TWG will bring its diverse expertise to review the AFAF deliverables and provide comments and recommendations.

Purpose

The Technical Working Group will:

- Provide industry insight and understanding of current needs, developments and challenges.
- Review the iterative volumes of the AFAF to ensure a living document that will undergo continuous development.
- Provide current, relevant technical expertise for the development, analysis and review of legislative and non-legislative solutions to identified issues.
- Assist with the development of draft regulations, guidance materials and other supporting materials.
- Provide endorsement and/or conditional endorsement of draft regulations, guidance materials and other supporting materials for consideration by the ASAP and CASA.

Outline the principles and methodology.

The TWG work will be complete after the volumes have been approved.

Specific objectives

1. The TWG is to assess the overall construct of the AFAF volumes and the methodology of the AFAF team to confirm that AFAF may reasonably meet its intended objectives.
2. The TWG is to review the AFAF volumes presented to assess and recommend if each of the volumes may reasonably be expected to meet the intended objective of that volume, within the AFAF document suite.
3. The TWG is to provide a concise summary to the ASAP at the completion of each of the reviews.