

The journey ahead

December 2020

Kia ora,

Welcome to another project update. We'll keep this brief as we know it's a very busy time of year as we all head into Christmas.

We have now had conversations with more than 100 people in and around Tarras around the potential to create an airport on our site. Our team also appreciated the opportunity to update the Central Otago District Council and Chair of the Cromwell Community Board recently.

Again, I'm grateful to have been welcomed into many homes and that so many have taken the time to give us honest feedback. The conversations we've had so far have already taught us many things that we will factor into our planning. There is a range of views emerging, from support for the project's potential to concern as well as many questions and requests for more information.

I absolutely hear that many of you want certainty on project timing and details on elements like runway alignment and flight paths. While we believe there is a very strong case for a greenfield airport, we have yet to do the detailed analysis that will enable us to answer all of those questions.

There is more information below on the work we have ahead of us. 2021 will be a busy year for further scoping the project and, over time, we'll have more information to share with you.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a great Summer – whether that involves working through or some time off under the sun.

Kind regards,
Michael Singleton
Project Director

Indicative Timeframes

Many people have asked, if the airport goes ahead, how long it might be before planes are flying.

We understand that certainty is important to you but delivering an airport Central Otago can be proud of is a long term undertaking. At this early stage, it is difficult to give exact timeframes but our current expectation is that it's likely to be around ten years before any airport could open.





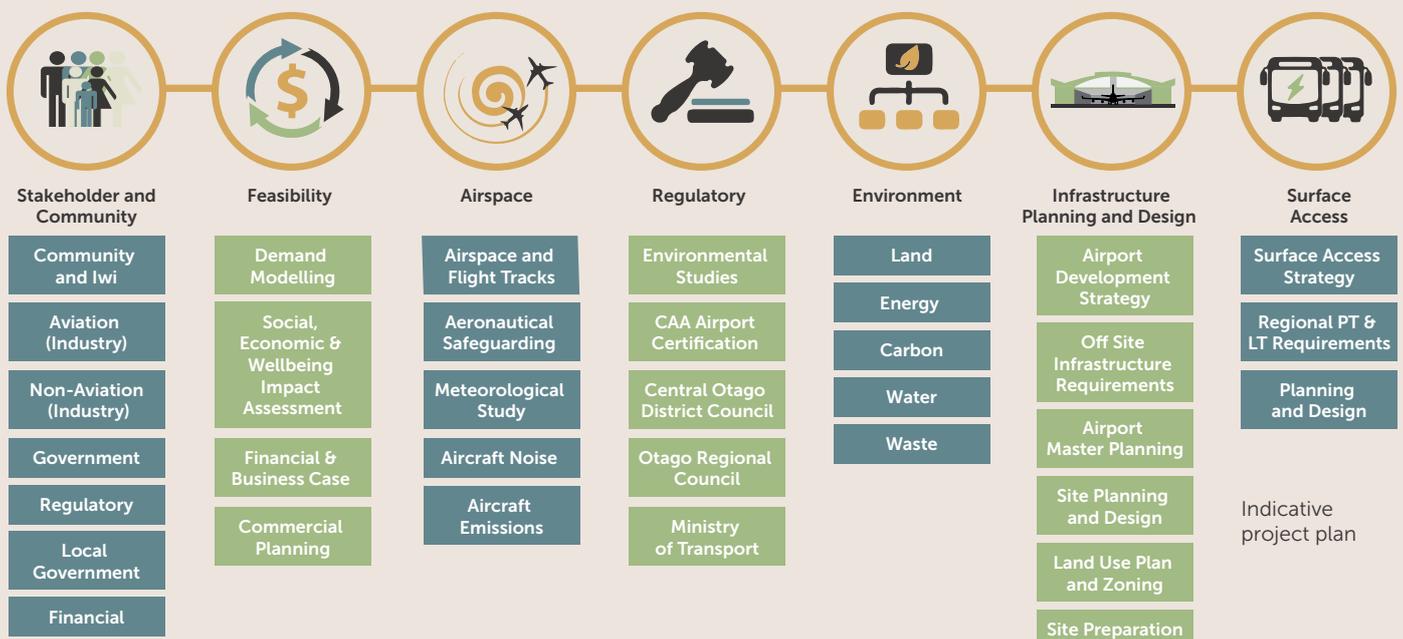
What are the next steps?

2021 will see us start a large number of pieces of work as we explore the viability of the project, including the design and operational details of a potential airport.

The planning and development process is complex and will include multiple, interconnected work streams that will require careful sequencing. We don't want to leave any question unanswered and many of the studies below can't be started until we have the output of other investigations.

The diagram below is an indicative outline of the project that gives you some insight into the scale of the work we have ahead of us. It may also help to explain why there isn't just a plan we can roll out at this point in time.

Rest assured we have been getting on with the 'Airspace' work streams so we can answer some of the questions around runway alignment and flight paths next year.





Engaging with the community

We understand that to be a good neighbour, we have to work with and listen to the community.

That's why we've spent the past few months having so many conversations in Central Otago. That engagement will continue throughout the entire life of the project.

We often encounter confusion between community engagement and consultation. There is a big difference between the two.

Consultation tends to be a one-off process where an organisation collects public feedback on a specific proposal.

Engagement is much broader. It's an ongoing process of sharing information with different people and groups so they can give feedback that is used to help shape and inform planning and development.

Our current work sits squarely in the engagement camp. We're committed to sharing information and, more importantly, we want to hear what you have to say before we create anything more formal like proposals and business cases.

As we get into more validation and planning work during 2021, we will have more information to share.

We will also be looking to gather more feedback from the community and have contracted McElrea Consulting to assist us.

This business is owned by Tarras resident Rebecca McElrea.



Rebecca has 17 years' experience undertaking stakeholder engagement on a local, regional and national scale.

Having lived in Tarras for 11 years, Rebecca believes her team is in a good position to manage engagement for this project as they understand the values that many in the community have.

"Our job is not to 'sell' the project to anyone, it's about ensuring the community has access to any information available and that we do a really good job of objectively gathering feedback and presenting it to the airport."

"Because we're part of the community that will be most impacted if this project proceeds, we're focused on doing a very fair and thorough job."

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It was great to hear from some of you after the first newsletter.

