



- *If the corridor is because of a Tullamarine exclusion zone why can light aircraft fly South through it from Essendon or wherever they are from and turn around and head back North?*

There is no "exclusion zone" around Tullamarine although delays in obtaining a light aircraft clearance through the Melbourne Control Zone (CTR) can be experienced on some routes, east-west routes in particular. Special procedures have been devised, in conjunction with Essendon Air Traffic Control, to accommodate traffic wishing to leave the CTR to the north and south.

- *Why is the number of planes increasing now?*

Refer first dot point.

- *Is it possible to increase the height at which these aircraft fly over residential areas?*

Minimum operating altitudes are prescribed in Commonwealth legislation, specifically Civil Aviation Regulation 157 (encl). Changing such legislation would be a challenging task but you could begin the process by contacting the Civil Aviation Safety Authority in the first instance (ph 131757). Aircraft are permitted to operate over Altona Meadows between 1000 feet and 2500 feet without requiring an Air Traffic Control clearance.

I have enclosed an excerpt from the Melbourne Visual Terminal Chart. It's an aeronautical chart so some of the terms may be unfamiliar but hopefully the legend will assist. The recommended light aircraft coastal route is highlighted.

The low-level airspace in the Altona Meadows area has been designed, as part of the overall Melbourne airspace structure, to provide safe and efficient operations with the minimum of restrictions to general aviation aircraft transiting the area. Given the terrain, environmental considerations and airspace requirements that surround Melbourne it is difficult to see where an alternative route could be located that satisfies all the safety and operational imperatives associated with these operations.

If you have internet access you may be interested in some relevant sites providing information on aircraft noise regulations and procedures in Australia.

[www.airservices.gov.au](http://www.airservices.gov.au)

[www.casa.gov.au](http://www.casa.gov.au)

[www.dotrs.gov.au](http://www.dotrs.gov.au)

Finally I can assure you that we do take our environmental responsibilities very seriously and are always endeavouring to minimise the impact of aircraft noise upon the community.

I trust this information has been of assistance. If you have further queries please don't hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,



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