

NEW PARALLEL RUNWAY BIODIVERSITY



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This Fact Sheet outlines Brisbane Airport's biodiversity zone:

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Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) has allocated 285ha of airport land to preserve and maintain biodiversity on the site. Additional to this is a specially created 11 hectare habitat for the Lewin's Rail – a flightless ground-dwelling bird which is extinct in many other states.

The 285 ha of the Airport Biodiversity Zone consists of:

- 53 ha of Phragmites wetland and tall unmanaged grassland (habitat for important species).
- 55 ha of mangrove wetland.
- 18 ha of saltmarsh/saltpan wetland.
- 115 ha of Casuarina plantation; and
- Approximately 44 ha of aquatic habitat (mainly sub-tidal) in Jacksons Creek and Serpentine Inlet contained within the airport boundaries.

1. A Lewin's Rail

The Airport Biodiversity Zone protects a number of different habitats including:

- Saltmarsh areas on the airport site that are significant in the context of declining saltmarsh habitat across the Moreton Bay region.
- Existing migratory wader bird feeding habitat along the airport's Bramble Bay foreshore.
- Roost sites located on a saltpan area along the foreshore east of the existing main runway.
- Additional protection for the existing mangrove areas at Jacksons Creek, Serpentine Inlet and adjacent to Pinkenba declared under the Airport Environment Strategy.
- Casuarina plantations growing within the biodiversity zone on the western side of the New Parallel Runway, which provide habitat for a suite of common wildlife, but which do not pose a threat to the safe operation of the airport.

About Brisbane Airport: Brisbane Airport (BNE), is the premier gateway to Queensland and the third largest airport in Australia by passenger numbers. Operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, BNE has two major terminals servicing 28 airlines flying to 41 national and 27 international destinations. More than 22 million passengers travelled through the airport in 2014. BNE was named Capital City Airport of the Year in the 2014 Australian Airports Association National Awards and rated as Australia's No. 1 airport for quality of service 10 years in a row in the Australian Competition and Consumer Commissions' annual survey.

Airport Biodiversity Zone

