

## Australian Aviation Bird and Animal Hazard Working Group

### Working Policy on Reporting Forms for Bird and Animal Strikes at Australian Airports

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#### 1. Background

This policy has been developed to promote standardisation in the approach of all agencies, organisations and companies that make up the aviation industry to bird and animal strike reporting as there is no industry standard report form for reporting bird and animal strikes at Australian aerodromes.

Under the Transport Safety Investigation Act (TSI Act) 2003, aircraft collisions with animals, including birds, are reportable matters, by the operator of an aerodrome.

Most major aerodromes have developed their own report form, mostly similar in style to the ICAO sample Bird Strike Reporting Form in ICAO Doc 9332-AN/909 (Manual on the Bird Strike Information System).

The ATSB discussion paper "The Hazards posed to Aircraft by Birds" specifically concludes that *... "Higher birdstrike reporting rates would enable a more thorough understanding of the problem, and would allow for the development of more effective bird control and management techniques. It is important that all strikes are reported to the ATSB to enable more thorough data analysis and information to be released back into the aviation industry."*

#### 2. Policy

It is the policy of this group that a specific bird and animal strike report form (similar in style and content to the ICAO model) be adopted for bird and animal strike reporting in Australia.