



Quieter Homes

Reducing aircraft noise at your place



What is the Quieter Homes package?

We are offering home owners within the airport's Air Noise Boundary a subsidised package of acoustic mitigation treatment designed to reduce aircraft noise in habitable rooms to a day/night average (Ldn) of 45 decibels. Habitable rooms include the bedrooms, living room, kitchen and lounge of your home.

Do I have to accept the offer of a Quieter Homes package?

No. The decision to take up the subsidised Quieter Homes package is completely up to you.

Can I have different or additional equipment installed?

If you would like alternative equipment installed instead of, or in addition to, the acoustic treatment that we offer, please talk to us. More information on some of the options available is included on the fact sheets. You will need to pay all costs associated with the design, materials and installation of any different or additional acoustic treatment.

Who is responsible for the ongoing operation, maintenance and repair of the acoustic treatment?

Once your Quieter Homes package is installed, you are responsible for any ongoing maintenance and operating costs. The property owner is not entitled to any contribution from WIAL toward these costs.

Why does WIAL need a covenant on the property?

The covenant is registered against the property title informing future purchasers that a noise reduction package has been installed and that there are maintenance obligations. The encumbrance does not give WIAL a right to constrain or prevent owners from seeking to have the District Plan noise limits reduced, complaining about the general operation of the airport, making submissions on any resource consent that WIAL may seek in the future or talking to the media about the impact of the airport.

Are similar noise mitigation schemes used elsewhere?

Similar programmes are widely used in New Zealand and around the world to reduce aircraft, port and traffic noise in homes – including at Auckland, Rotorua, Hamilton and Queenstown airports.

Can I accept the offer if I have tenants in my home?

Yes, however you will need to make arrangements with your tenants in respect of access to the property.



Will noise from the airport increase in the future? Is the Quieter Homes package offered to offset an increase in noise from the proposed runway extension?

The Quieter Homes package has been designed with the permitted aircraft noise limits set by the Wellington City Council District Plan. The Airport currently operates well within these limits, and we don't expect the total noise generated at the airport to exceed the permitted level in the foreseeable future, even if the runway extension is built – the forecast increase in passenger numbers will, to a large extent, be offset by larger and newer aircraft types rather than by a significant increase in aircraft movements¹. If, however, future aircraft noise levels do exceed the current permitted noise levels the Quieter Homes package will be updated at that time.

Does acceptance of this offer mean my property wouldn't be eligible for further treatment should the Quieter Homes package be updated in the future?

No. If, in the future, the applicable noise standards or the Quieter Homes package is amended the eligibility of your property for further treatment will be reassessed.

I have been offered a 75% subsidy. Will I be eligible for a 100% subsidy?

The subsidy offered for the Quieter Homes package depends on the level of aircraft noise at your property, as determined by the current 65dB Aircraft Noise Contour. A 100% subsidy is available to homes where aircraft noise exceeds 65dBA Ldn at the property. If your homes is within the Air Noise Boundary but aircraft noise at the property is currently less than 65dBA Ldn, a 75% subsidy is offered.

The 65dB Aircraft Noise Contour may change. If your property is currently eligible for the 75% subsidy, but wish to wait in case you become entitled to a 100% subsidy in the future, there is no obligation to accept the Quieter Homes offer now.

Who can I talk to about the offer and what it means for me?

We are available to talk through the details, and you may also wish to talk to your lawyer or advisor before you sign up.

To find out more information
about our Quieter Home package

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¹ <https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/corporate/2030-masterplan/>