

Thank you for the invitation to provide advice on the proposed Newcastle Tomago Power Station.

RAAF Williamtown Aerodrome is in the general vicinity of the site. Defence is the Aerodrome Operator. Although civil aircraft operate at the aerodrome, CASA does not regulate the Aerodrome.

CASA has reviewed the Plume Rise Report and the comments provided to NSW Planning by Defence on 16 December 2019. CASA has also liaised with Defence regarding the proposal.

It is Defence's prerogative to provide the authoritative aviation safety related comments in this instance. (In terms of process only, if the aerodrome was a federally leased aerodrome, for example, then CASA would have provided comments in a similar manner).

CASA has no significant issues with the comments provided by Defence on 16 December 2019.