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# Collaborative Decision Making MET-CDM



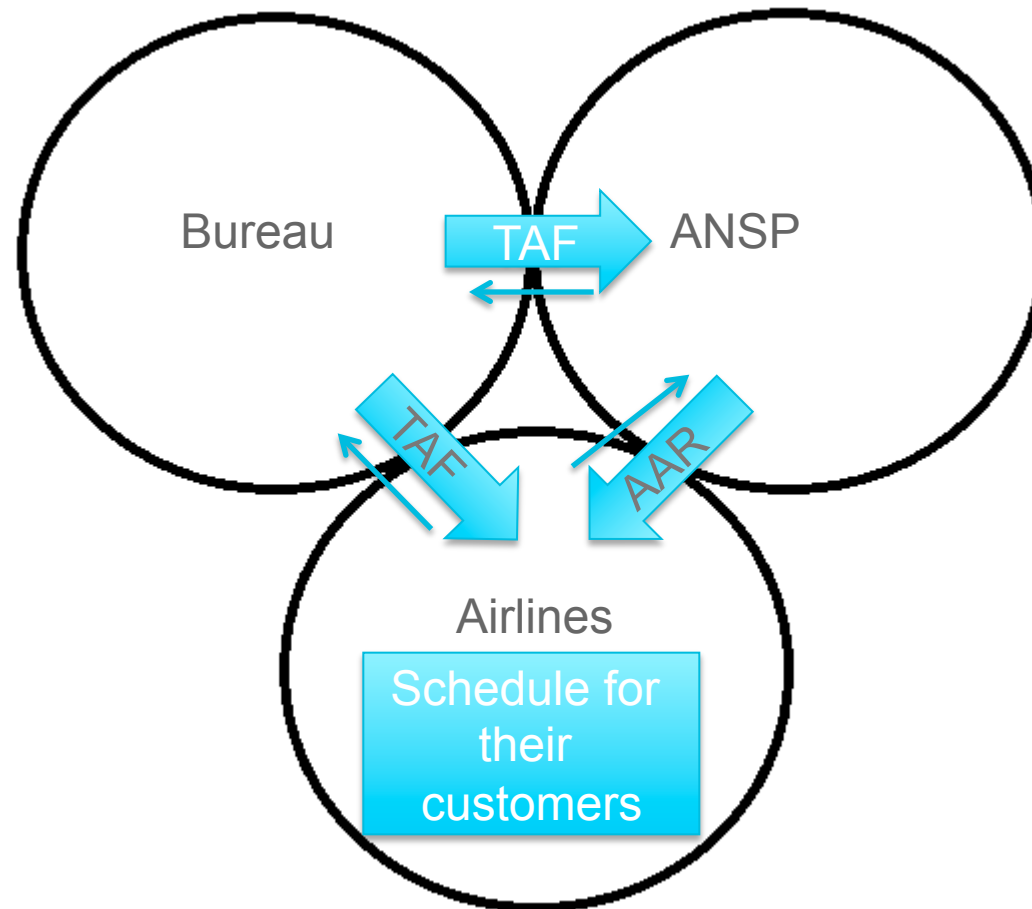


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# How information flowed between areas of expertise (Pre-METCDM)

TAF not suitable for ATFM.

Forecaster priority problem for ATFM





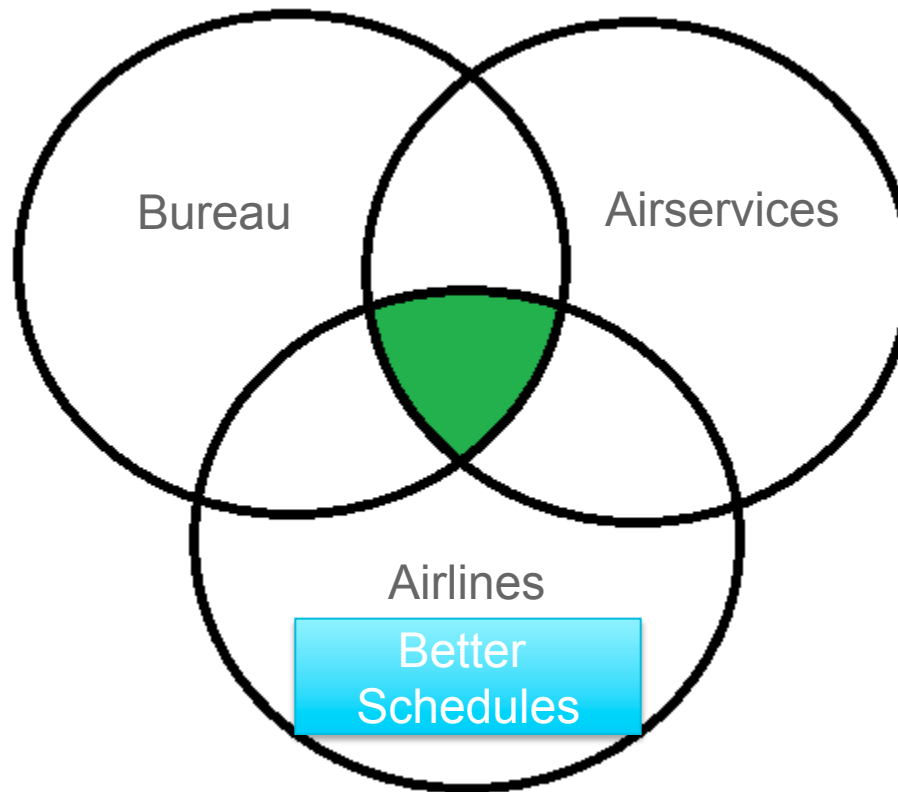
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# MET CDM

## Understanding each others business

NCC MET  
dedicated to  
ATFM

Flexible and  
adapting  
products to  
solve the  
problem



Fully transparent  
process

TM has final  
endorsement

Airline MET  
units  
collaborate

Provides  
transparency  
and better  
certainty

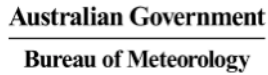


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# MET CDM

- Collaborative approach between Airservices, Bureau of Meteorology, Qantas (Met) and Virgin Australia (Met).
- Process requires people with combined expertise in meteorology and ATFM.
- Ground delay program.
- Forecast delay related to:
  - forecast weather ATFM impacts and;
  - forecast demand on capacity.
  - Highly complex problem.
- Prior to Met CDM acceptance rates calculations were based on TAF.
- Refined acceptance rates through MET CDM.

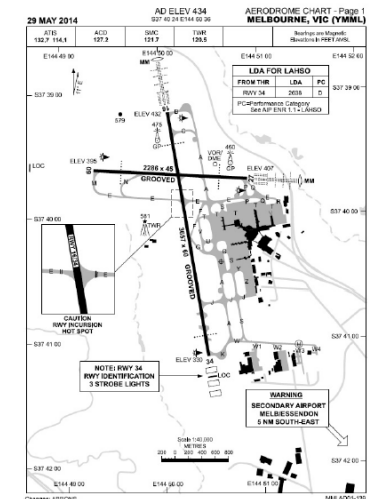


- Process requires people with combined expertise in meteorology and ATFM.
- Reference cards developed to date reflect the known parameters that affect traffic flows at the airports.
- They are a reflection of documentation and discussions with Airservices traffic management.
- Reference cards managed jointly.



## YMML Air Traffic Operations

Melbourne is the second busiest international airport in Australia consisting of two intersecting runways in the direction 16/34 magnetic and 09/27 magnetic.



**Noise Abatement**  
There is no curfew at Melbourne airport. However, noise abatement procedures apply. These procedures include a preference to use runway 16 for noise abatement, particularly in the overnight

**Terminal Area (TMA)**  
This term is used to describe the designated area of controlled airspace surrounding a major airport where there is a high volume of traffic. The Terminal Area (TMA) is a 30nm radial area

CLEAR DATA

First Light: 1852  
Last Light: 0815

Lost Light: 0815

## Passengers

MET CDM Notes	1	A pre-frontal trough moves through with a weak SW change, so have opted for RWY 19.
	2	A stronger low level SE change develops along the coast to the south, with local winds turning Ely ahead of that to favour RWY 01 by around 00Z. There is the possibility of showers developing on the leading edge of this change as it spreads northwards.
	3	The main low level SE wind change begins to move through from around 02 or 03Z, with winds turning through ESE to SE and increasing to 15 to 20 knots aloft below about 2000ft during the early afternoon. There is the risk of low level wind shear as the change develops due to its initial shallowness. As the change spreads north and inland, this provides a trigger for more significant showers and thunderstorms. Given that the change initially is shallow as it spreads inland, and steering level winds are WSW 20 to 25 knots, there is enough of a risk that these will affect approaches onto RWY 01 and also occur near the airport once the low level capping inversion is broken.
	4	As the SE change spreads further north and inland and deepens, the main instability zone shifts further west and north with areas directly upstream of the airport less likely to see showers and thunderstorms with a reduced risk at the airport. Low level SE winds now 20 to 25 knots below 2000ft, but only 10 to 15 knots above that to 3000ft. Expect a greater concentration of thunderstorms over the far west and north of the TMA.
	6	The cool, shallow but still humid airmass behind the change provides a somewhat conducive environment for lower cloud as the inversion height appears to be around 2500ft. As a result, there is a risk of cloud ceiling near 1500ft and possibly as low as 1200ft (ILS), so have indicated this as an adjustment in the suggested MET CDM rate.
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BM/TM NOTES	1	
	2	
NON MET CDM NOTES	1	RWY 14/32 NOT AVBL DUE WIP. Refer to NOTAM C663/17.
	2	
	3	

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**LATEST TAF**

RECALCULATE

CLEAR DATA

## YBBN

**Tuesday, 10 Oct 2017 - Run 2 - Final**

First Light: 1852

Last Light: 0815

### BUSINESS RULES RATES FROM TAF

[SHOW / HIDE CALCULATIONS](#)

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MET CDM Notes

1 Temperatures inland and along the hills/ranges are 30-32C, with dewpoints in the upper teens. The conditions are already there for convection within the TMA, we just need a trigger. Once a cell or two do develop, it may be like popcorn kernels popping, where individual cells will trigger other storms on the outflow from the storm. The random nature of popping kernels should be kept in mind, as there is a chance a storm could develop with little warning near/at the aerodrome, but the storms will most likely be first seen along the ranges. Steering winds are 25KT W-SW'ly, so they could take about 90 minutes to reach impact the aerodrome directly. The good news is that the environment will not support prolonged storm activity as the showers/storms will cool the lower levels, resulting in more stable conditions.

2 The post storm environment will result in a low level temperature inversion that will trap the moisture below it. The combination of the precipitation from the showers/storms, and the persistent onshore breeze this afternoon is expected to result in cloud bases at or below 1500ft after last light.

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SM/TM NOTES

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NON MET GDM NOTES

1 RWY 14/32 NOT AVBL DUE WIP Refer to NOTAM C663/17

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# Verification

1. Case studies.
2. Comparison between TAF rates and MET CDM rates.
3. Achieved rates vs. forecast rates.
4. Number of GDP revisions – low number – fleet predictability.
5. Airborne holding vs. previous years.
6. Diversions - MET CDM should reduce diversions.
7. Survey of customer satisfaction.



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# Outcomes

1. Fewer aircraft airborne during times of high impact weather due to MET CDM.
2. Airborne holding generally lower.
3. The timing for the recovery refined in the subsequent MET CDM runs.
4. Rates tables and business rules regularly reviewed and refined.
5. Reference cards capturing knowledge.
6. MET CDM processes being triggered by participants in anticipation of forecast changes/ changed impacts.