Sydney BizAv Fees Set to Skyrocket

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From July 1, YSSY/Sydney will move ahead with a major fee overhaul for BizAv. After strong pushback from the local community – led by ExecuJet and the Australian Business Aviation Association (ABAA) – some of the most extreme fee increases have been softened. Parking will no longer have a flat rate and now allows 180 minutes free, but fees remain steep for longer stays. Runway charges are rising sharply, and mandatory GPU/PCA fees and environmental charges will still apply. Operators should prepare for a noticeable jump in operating costs.

What's changing?

The proposed fee increases are eye-watering:

1. **Parking fees:**
   The good news is that **BizAv operators will now get 180 minutes of free parking** in designated BizAv areas. This replaces the originally proposed flat AUD $3,220/day rate. After the free period, fees are tiered based on aircraft weight and length of stay. For **aircraft over 40,000 kg MTOW, charges start at AUD $1,000/day** for days 1 to 3 and go up to AUD $2,500/day beyond 7 days. Smaller aircraft pay less, starting at AUD $500/day.
2. **Runway charges:**
   The runway fee will jump from AUD $60 minimum to **AUD $340 minimum**, with the per-1,000 kg MTOW fee going from AUD $6.91 to AUD $17.
3. **GPU and PCA requirements:**
   Sydney Airport now mandates the use of Ground Power Units (GPU) and Preconditioned Air (PCA) where available. **Even if you don't use them, you'll be charged** a blended rate depending on aircraft code – ranging from AUD $11.35 to $21.74.
4. **Environmental spill charges:**
   Expect a new AUD $300 charge for unreported fuel or oil spills, or AUD $150 if you self-report.

Why is this such a big deal?

These are not small adjustments – they represent a major change to how BizAv is charged at Sydney. Even with some softening of the original plan, the new structure will lead to substantially higher costs, especially for longer stays. Many see this as part of a broader shift toward prioritizing commercial operations.

Who’s pushing back?

ExecuJet (the main local FBO) and the Australian Business Aviation Association (ABAA) led the response, engaging directly with the airport. They submitted formal objections and encouraged all operators to speak up during the consultation. If you have any questions, contact ExecuJet directly at fbo.yssy@execujet.com.

What’s next?

The revised fee structure is confirmed and takes effect on July 1. Operators flying to Sydney should review the new rules closely and adjust planning and quoting accordingly. While the original plan was moderated thanks to community input, BizAv costs at YSSY are still about to get much steeper.