With the recent release of a new version of Australian Standard 2021: “Acoustics - Aircraft Noise Intrusion – Building Siting And Construction” it seems worthwhile to consider the status of aircraft noise assessment in Australia and the place of this Standard in that assessment. The talk will cover:

- a brief history of aircraft noise issues and controversies in Australia, focussing particularly on those leading up to the latest revision of AS 2021;

- changes in the latest revision of the Standard (and changes that were publicly suggested but are not included);

- the use of the Standard for land use planning and building attenuation design; and

- discussion of the need for updated research to back the Standard and associated land use planning recommendations.

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