

## New scenery developer – *Gibson Sceneries*

While at the Oz Flight Sim Expo 2018, I came across a small exhibit of a scenery developer I had not heard of before – [Gibson Sceneries](#). I was awestruck by the realism and quality of what I saw. Norm Gibson has developed an Australia enroute scenery series for flight simulation which covers the Northern Territory, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. In addition, he has recently started developing a China enroute series.

Norm uses 15m Landsat 8 satellite imagery produced by *Earthstar Geographics*. It is the same imagery used by commercial and military simulators. The scenery is perfect for enroute flight simulation and is supported by Microsoft Flight Simulator X, FSX Steam Edition and Lockheed Martin's Prepar3D, versions 1 to 4. As it is most suitable for flying at medium to high altitudes, it adds an additional layer of scenery realism above where sceneries produced by the likes of Orbx leave off. It is now possible to takeoff from a detailed airport, climb and fly enroute over "real" world scenery and descend into another detailed airport.



A Lockheed Martin F-35 over the Gulf of Carpentaria coast

The scenery adds to the realism of simulated flight whether it be for recreating historical missions, commercial airline flights, military training and/or general aviation interest. For example, shallow coastal water imagery is blended with simulated water to give a natural look to the coastlines. The land features and colours of central Australia are stunningly beautiful.

The goal of Gibson Sceneries is to cover large areas of *real scenery* at economical process for the flight simulator enthusiast or professional. And reasonable prices they are:

Tasmania: AUD \$9.95

Victoria: AUD \$14.95

New South Wales: AUD \$19.95

China – Hong Kong to Shanghai: AUD \$19.95.

The products are available via Direct Download, approximately 18.4GB. A download link and an install password are emailed within 24 hours of purchase.

Screen captures



Northern Territory: P3D image



Northern Territory: FSX image



New South Wales at altitude



Victorian imagery



Flying over Tasmania

**Testimonial**

*"Yes I am enjoying the scenery!!! I am a real airline pilot and just enjoy flying around with photo real scenery. The only thing I would say is Victoria and outback NSW are much more brown than in the scenery, but that's not a biggie!! I would definitely but the rest of Australia when you do them!! I also like the China one and will be getting it soon too!!! Great job!!!"*

*Danny. Current airline pilot and ex RAAF instructor.*