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Announcement of ‘Airlines for Australia & New Zealand’

Australian airports are, for the most part, decades-old infrastructure assets that have modernised rapidly post-privatisation. A great deal of that development, and most of what Australia’s major airports have in the pipeline under current plans, is geared solely to improving the traveller experience for airline passengers.

We welcome this renewed commitment from the airlines to act in the best interests of an increasingly sophisticated Australian traveller, and we look forward to working with the new association to ensure Australian airports are maintained at the world-leading standards our millions of international visitors expect. That can only happen through close collaboration between airlines and airports, and simply wouldn’t be possible without significant investment in these vitally important, strategic assets.

Individual airports have well-developed commercial relationships with their airline customers over pricing and service levels. Airport operators have invested billions of dollars in recent years which has supported the growth of these airline businesses and has resulted in Australians enjoying more modern, efficient and better airports than ever before.

These investments have all been negotiated and delivered in partnership with airlines. We all have a shared interest in an open, competitive and innovative market that supports further growth and investment. We look forward to working with the airline group on these issues, particularly in respect of supporting approaches to government on policies that support new investment in airport infrastructure and engaging the range of government, industry and community stakeholders involved in airport operations and the potential for growth in the future.

About the Australian Airports Association:

The Australian Airports Association has been representing airports across the country for the past 30 years. It represents 260 airport members, including all the capital city airports through to the small regional aerodromes of rural Australia. www.airports.asn.au

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