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## Sydney Airport decision on Western Sydney Airport

The Australian Airports Association has commended Sydney Airport for its work over the past three years with the Commonwealth Government on the proposed development of Western Sydney Airport (WSA).

'Sydney Airport has made a very carefully considered decision in the interests of its investors and shareholders, many of which contribute to the retirement savings for millions of Australians,' said Caroline Wilkie, CEO of the AAA.

'The genuine and diligent efforts of Sydney Airport in its evaluation of the proposal for WSA has undoubtedly contributed to much greater knowledge and understanding of the economic and business drivers for this important infrastructure project,' Ms Wilkie said.

The AAA noted comments by the Minister for Urban Infrastructure, Paul Fletcher, about the professional and constructive contribution made by Sydney Airport during the process as well as their strong and positive engagement with the western Sydney community.

'Sydney Airport will continue to play a critical role as the international gateway to our largest city, and we welcome Sydney Airport's commitment to delivering growth and a world class passenger and airline experience.

'The very detailed consideration that Sydney Airport has given to WSA highlights the complex array of factors that contribute to the successful operation of a modern airport, including critical decisions around passenger and airline demand, costs and investment returns.

'The AAA looks forward to the opportunity to work with the Government as it continues planning for the sustainable and efficient development of WSA as part of our national aviation infrastructure,' Ms Wilkie said.