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## AAA supports adoption of SBAS technology following industry showcase

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) has congratulated Geosciences Australia and Airservices Australia on the showcase of its Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) trial in Canberra today.

The technology, currently being trialed by the Australian and New Zealand governments, was unveiled to industry stakeholders at the event.

AAA Chief Executive Officer Caroline Wilkie said SBAS could deliver safer outcomes for regional airports without requiring additional infrastructure investment on the ground.

She said the AAA welcomed the trial and supported its adoption by the Australian aviation network.

“SBAS technology allows aircraft to make more accurate approaches when landing, offering significant safety benefits to the industry,” Ms Wilkie said.

“The fact that it can be implemented without costly infrastructure investment on the ground makes this an essential measure for our regional airports in particular.

“With regional airports already doing it tough, solutions that can improve outcomes in a sustainable way must be prioritised.”

Ms Wilkie said the trial was a good opportunity for industry to assess the technology’s potential and ensure its successful implementation.

“SBAS could provide safer operations, fewer diversions and reduced costs for regional airports, which is great news for our regional communities,” Ms Wilkie said.

“With safety the number one priority for the aviation industry, technology that can provide better outcomes for our regions simply cannot be ignored.”

Ms Wilkie said the AAA looked forward to following the progress of testing in regional areas over the coming weeks.

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