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Adelaide Airport terminal expansion to benefit travellers and the SA economy

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) today welcomed Adelaide Airport's announcement that it will embark on a \$165 million terminal expansion, delivering real and lasting benefits to the state.

AAA Chief Executive Officer Caroline Wilkie said the expansion would meet the needs of future passenger growth while supporting South Australia's visitor economy.

"This is great news for South Australian travellers and the many businesses that rely on the local tourism industry," Ms Wilkie said.

"With international passengers travelling through Adelaide Airport almost tripling since 2005, it's clear there is strong interest in what South Australia has to offer tourists seeking unique experiences.

"The expanded terminal will help meet this growing demand long into the future, and support Adelaide Airport's work in partnership with government and tourism agencies to attract new air services to the state."

Ms Wilkie said the expansion would ensure the terminal could meet the changing needs of both passengers and airlines.

"Adelaide Airport has worked very closely with its partners to deliver a design that will provide efficiency for airlines, while making the passenger's journey through the airport an easy and seamless one," Ms Wilkie said.

"It is fantastic to see this work recognised through both the SA Government's and Virgin Australia's endorsement of the project today."

The terminal expansion will increase Adelaide Airport's retail and dining footprint by 80 per cent, while also creating new lounge and VIP facilities, and expanding office space for airline and agency staff working at the airport.

An additional baggage belt, more space for border processing and security screening, and larger duty free precincts will also improve efficiency.

The project is due for completion in 2021.

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