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AAA welcomes Federal Government's Women in Aviation Initiative

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) has welcomed today's launch by the Federal Government of a \$4 million Women in Aviation Initiative.

AAA Chief Executive Officer Caroline Wilkie said the initiative would help support the advancement of women across all aspects of the aviation sector.

"We are really pleased to see the Federal Government investing in the future careers of women in aviation," Ms Wilkie said.

"It is so important we ensure gender diversity in our industry, with many great career options for women and girls to pursue across operations, management and senior leadership.

"Today's announcement will ensure programs that can make a tangible difference to female participation in our industry can be funded.

"We look forward to engaging with the Government on this initiative on behalf of the Australian airport industry."

The initiative will fund programs to engage women and target school-aged students and their parents about the opportunities available for a career in aviation.

Women currently account for about three per cent of pilots and one per cent of aircraft engineers globally, highlighting the opportunity for increased female participation as the industry continues to grow.

The announcement coincides with the AAA's launch of its Women in Airports Network (WIAN) to create a community to support the advancement of women across all aspects of airport operations.

A dedicated LinkedIn group was launched today, ahead of a Women in Airports Forum to be held in November to identify key initiatives for the WIAN to pursue on behalf of its members.

The WIAN was launched on International Women's Day, in support of this year's theme #BalanceforBetter.

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