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## James Goodwin appointed as AAA Chief Executive Officer

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) has appointed James Goodwin as its new Chief Executive Officer.

AAA National Chairman Tom Ganley said Mr Goodwin would bring deep experience in public policy, advocacy and stakeholder engagement to the role.

Mr Goodwin has been Chief Executive of the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP) since 2015.

“We are delighted to welcome James to the AAA following strong interest in the role,” Mr Ganley said.

“He will bring a strong understanding of public policy and significant experience in the transport and infrastructure sector as we progress a busy agenda.

“James’ experience in the area of consumer advocacy will ensure the passenger remains at the heart of our work as we advance the key issues facing our industry.

“We look forward to James leading the AAA’s engagement with our airline partners as we work together at this important time for the aviation and tourism industries.”

Mr Goodwin said he looked forward to joining the AAA.

“There’s no doubt that Australia’s airports drive our economy and connect communities across the country,” Mr Goodwin said.

“We’ve already seen the benefits of airports’ capacity-building investment over the last 20 years, giving us better terminals, more choice and improved connection between our airports and the communities they serve.

“I’m looking forward to working with members as we prepare for new runways and landmark projects that will support the long-term growth of air travel.

“I understand the importance of good transport connections beyond our city centres and will ensure the focus is on supporting the sustainable development of our regional airports as they implement new CASA regulations this year.”

Mr Goodwin said he would also be working closely with representatives of the wider industry.

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“There are some great examples of collaboration and partnership within the aviation industry and that focus is vitally important as we address the current challenges facing our industry,” he said.

“I look forward to working with airports, airlines, government and our industry partners to support our shared success.”

Mr Goodwin will commence his role in June.

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**Editors’ note:** Please see a full biography on James Goodwin below.

## About James Goodwin

Mr Goodwin has been the Chief Executive of the leading vehicle safety advocate in Australia and New Zealand, the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP) since 2015. ANCAP is a high-profile organisation that provides consumers with independent advice and information on vehicle safety.

Prior to joining ANCAP, he held the position of Director - Government Relations & Communications at the Australian Automobile Association. In this role, James was responsible for advocacy strategies and political campaigning including a lead role in the successful election campaign – *Demand Better Roads*. James also served as Acting Chief Executive.

James held a high-profile senior community and corporate affairs position at AirServices Australia, the Australian Government agency providing air traffic management and firefighting services at airports.

Mr Goodwin has also held a senior corporate affairs position with the industry body representing the interests of new car and motorcycle brands in Australia, the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FAI).

A former journalist and news presenter, James worked for major networked news outlets in Sydney and Canberra including several years in the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

James has also been a Non-Executive Director of St John Ambulance since 2015 and was appointed an inaugural Director of Auto Skills Australia in 2010, an organisation tasked by the Australian Government with developing the training needs of the automotive industry.