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Australia-New Zealand travel bubble will rebuild confidence

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) welcomes the beginning of a trans-Tasman travel bubble announced by the Federal Government this afternoon.

AAA Chief Executive James Goodwin said he applauded the decision by the New South Wales Premier and Northern Territory Chief Minister to accept New Zealanders into their state and territory without having to undergo mandatory quarantine.

“This is an important first step in reigniting international travel and Australia’s tourism economy,” Mr Goodwin said.

“This is a positive agreement and will rebuild confidence for Australians and New Zealanders to start flying again.

“We have important trade and economic links with our Kiwi cousins and this announcement will help to expand the important travel market between the two nations.

“Airports are here to facilitate and support Governments with the safe movement of travellers.

“The next step is for the remaining states to open and become part of this new arrangement. We also look forward to New Zealand reciprocating the plan, allowing Australians to fly over the ditch and enjoy all that our southern neighbours have to offer.

“The trans-Tasman bubble will also relieve pressure from the hotel quarantine system allowing more stranded Australians to return home from overseas.”

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