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Airports welcome Aviation White Paper

The peak body representing the airport sector, the Australian Airports Association (AAA), has welcomed the release of the Federal Government's Aviation White Paper Terms of Reference.

"This is the right time to review the aviation policy and regulatory settings as the sector begins the slow recovery from the impacts of the pandemic," AAA Chief Executive James Goodwin said.

"It is over a decade since the last significant aviation policy statement by the Australian Government in 2009, when the current Prime Minister was the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

"It is hoped the Aviation White Paper will bring some long-term certainty to the sector and provides an opportunity to get the right settings in place for the decades ahead.

"It is vital the White Paper also reviews government settings and government agencies which impact or control aviation infrastructure, planning, airspace management and safety.

"The government has listened to advocacy from airports to shape the terms of reference and it is encouraging to see it will avoid duplication of other reviews already planned or underway.

"The White Paper must explore the differing challenges facing major, large, regional and remote airports and aerodromes.

"Airports are critical national infrastructure, vital to the economic and social wellbeing of all Australians which keep communities connected and in many parts of the country aviation is often the only form of public transport connecting regional and remote Australians medical and other essential services."

The AAA is the national voice for airports, representing the interests of more than 340 airports and aerodromes across Australia. It also represents more than 150 corporate members supplying products and services to airports and the wider aviation industry.

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