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AAA welcomes new Chair of Productivity Commission

The peak body representing Australian airports, the Australian Airports Association (AAA), has welcomed the appointment of Chris Barrett as the new Productivity Commission (PC) Chair.

"I welcome Chris Barrett to the role and look forward to working with him and his team," AAA Chief Executive James Goodwin said.

"The aviation sector is entering an important period with the upcoming Aviation White Paper process and it is hoped we will see the sector benefit from a more competitive landscape.

"The next PC review into airports is expected to start in 2024, which will come at an important time on the back of the Aviation White Paper.

"The right regulatory framework will continue to be vital to provide airports with the confidence to invest in their infrastructure and facilitate a strong aviation sector for the communities they serve and the broader Australian economy."

Mr Barrett brings more than 30 years of experience in public policy - as a senior public servant, international organisations including as Australia's Ambassador to the OECD and Executive Director of the European Climate Foundation, he is currently the Deputy Secretary of the Economic Division in the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance.

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

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