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Airports welcome the return of Chinese tourists

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) welcomes the decision by the Chinese Government to return Australia to the Approved Destination Status (ADS).

“This will be a boost for the recovery of the Australian aviation and tourism sectors,” AAA Chief Executive James Goodwin said.

“It is an important step to encourage more travellers from China into Australia.

“Before the pandemic China was the highest country of origin for tourists to Australia but only accounted for 6 per cent of arrivals in May.

“We acknowledge the leadership of Minister for Tourism and Trade; Senator the Hon. Don Farrell for his work to build relationships with China and advocate for the airport sector.

“Australian airports are ready to support the tourism recovery and here to help government attract and grow international tourism.”

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