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## Airports welcome decision on Sydney slot reform

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) welcomed today's announcement of reforms to the Sydney Airport demand management scheme.

"These reforms are both sensible and practical," AAA Chief Executive James Goodwin said.

"They will improve connectivity, resilience and reliability, not only at Sydney Airport, but across the entire national aviation network".

The reforms will improve competition between airlines, with better availability of slots attracting more airlines and delivering better results for passengers flying in and out of Sydney.

"Passengers will benefit from implementation of a 'recovery period' following weather events meaning fewer disruptions to flight operations," Mr Goodwin said.

Recovery periods will also help reduce 'knock-on' delays to the national aviation network when Sydney Airport's runways are disrupted. They will also ensure connectivity into Sydney for regional communities.

"I congratulate Minister King for her leadership in bringing forward the Harris Review's recommendations to get the best outcomes for airline passengers and the aviation sector,"

"We look forward to working together to implement these important changes," Mr Goodwin said.

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Read the Department of Infrastructure's media release here.