



# Media Release

## Hobart Airport Master Plan Approved

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Hobart Airport has received Commonwealth Government approval for its Master Plan, which outlines the vision for the airport for the next two decades and paves the way for the runway upgrade, terminal expansion, and associated works.

CEO Norris Carter told a Hobart TCCI business breakfast briefing that the approval of the Master Plan means the airport can now focus on preparing the site so works can commence in the coming months on its redevelopment.

“It’s an exciting time at Hobart Airport, and we’re now finalising details of the \$90 million runway, taxiway and apron upgrade which has been supported by a \$60 million Commonwealth Government grant,” Mr Carter said.

“The runway upgrade will mean our seasonal international freight links to Asia can continue with a non-stop service, rather than needing to detour via the mainland. It also gives us more capability for freight and passenger flights to Antarctica.

“Most importantly, it opens up the potential for new passenger flights to hubs like Singapore or Hong Kong, creating one-stop routes from Hobart to Europe and Asia for the first time. These would complement our existing international flights to Auckland, which connect Hobart not only to New Zealand, but also to the USA and Canada with an easy transit in Auckland.”

Mr Carter said KPMG forecast that once complete, the upgraded runway would add an additional \$122 million each year to the economy in Tasmania and create over 1200 new jobs.

“We’re also well advanced on the design of the terminal expansion to cater for passenger growth. The current terminal has a design capacity of 1.5 million passengers per year, and is handling 2.8 million now, with growth forecast to 3.5 million by 2030. The expansion is sorely needed to reduce congestion and improve the experience for our passengers.”

“We plan to double the size of the terminal footprint and upgrade the road access and car parking in line with this growth. We’ll be excited to finally be able to remove the hoarding from the carpark.”

Mr Carter said it was planned for the upgrade to be complete by the end of 2026.

“We’ve received enormous support for our plans, and we’re excited for all of Tasmania to ‘grow with us’ as Hobart Airport embarks on this once in a generation upgrade,” Mr Carter said.



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