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Canberra Airport Final Master Plan Released

Canberra Airport has today released on its website its Final Master Plan, as approved in August by the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese. The Master Plan sets out Canberra Airport's vision for the future, ensuring that the Airport is infrastructure-ready and a generator of economic and employment growth for the region.

Stephen Byron, Managing Director said:

"We would like to again thank the Canberra and Queanbeyan Community for being part of this process and for helping us to produce a Master Plan with a vision for the next 20 years. But of course, now the hard work starts - we have to deliver on that vision and meet the commitments that we have made to the community. And the first thing that we are doing is getting on with creating jobs for the region with the construction of what will be a world class airport terminal, befitting of the nation's capital"

As part of the release of the Master Plan, Canberra Airport also released an interactive noise footprint which allows members of the public to obtain an indication of whether their residence is expected to be affected by noise. Mr Byron noted:

"We think it is vitally important that the community be informed as to the expected extent of aircraft noise - and now all you need to do is go to our website, click on the noise footprint, put in your address, and you will be able to see graphically the expected effect of aircraft noise from a 737 or 767 on your home."

However, Mr Byron also stated that the interactive noise footprint highlighted that:

"There is significant aircraft noise exposure both to the North and South of Canberra Airport; however with the exception of Jerrabomberra and some areas of Queanbeyan, most of this noise is concentrated over a corridor of rural land. We expect that this aircraft noise will increase as the airport continues to grow and the freight hub develops and this is why we continue to oppose residential development at Tralee and Environa. It is simply bad planning to place residential development under flight paths. This is an issue for everyone in the region to be concerned about, because our efforts to manage aircraft noise over the rest of Canberra is subject to there being no noise sharing arising as a result of any development at Tralee or Environa."

Copies of the Final Master Plan and the interactive noise footprint are available on the Canberra Airport website at www.canberraairport.com.au

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