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**Canberra Airport Welcomes Qantas Maintenance Facility**

Canberra Airport congratulates Qantas Airways on today's announcement that a maintenance facility will be based in Canberra to service the Qantas aircraft that regularly visit the national capital.

Chief Financial Officer of Canberra Airport, Stephen Carson said it was a very exciting and positive announcement for economic growth and skilled jobs in Canberra.

“Just this week we signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the ACT Government to continue working closely on how aviation can drive economic growth in our region.

“Both Canberra Airport and the ACT Government have historically strongly supported the location of a significant base and maintenance facility to deliver jobs here, going back as far as Impulse Airlines and, so, the hangar now being used by Qantas was built.

“While there has been some heartache along the way, in the longer term this strategy has delivered significantly on its ambitions. The maintenance jobs will be here. The 717s will be here.

“We are delighted to welcome this new chapter for Qantas at Canberra Airport,” Mr Carson said.

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