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Airport Hotel Development

Canberra Airport will soon add a premium hotel to the services available for business and leisure travellers at the Australian Airport of the Year.

“This will bring to reality a proposal that has been part of our Master Plan for the Airport since Day One,” Managing Director Stephen Byron said in opening the public consultation period for the hotel’s Major Development Plan.

“The hotel will deliver 420 construction jobs, 160 ongoing jobs and inject more than \$8 million a year to the ACT economy.

“Canberra Airport is the gateway to the nation’s capital, and in close proximity to the CBD and Parliament House. It is the centre of a Region of 900,000 people with a tourism economy the same size as the State of Tasmania. More than three million domestic passengers currently use Canberra Airport each year.

“As well, Canberra’s hotel market has recorded strong growth over the past 10 years averaging more than 6 per cent per annum.

“The Airport Hotel will be a welcome addition to the accommodation available for travellers to the National Capital.”

Mr Byron said the hotel would be graded between 4 and 4.5 stars and would include food, beverage and conference facilities, as well as a small gym. It is expected to accommodate up to 180 rooms.

“The design of the hotel will be modern and in keeping with the exceptional architectural quality of the terminal and adjoining Brindabella Business Park. It will be located on a corner site between Pialligo Avenue and the southern on-grade car park adjacent to the axial roadway – five minutes’ walk away from the gate lounges.

“This hotel will be uniquely placed to benefit from proximity to the new \$480 million airport terminal as well as the international travel that the new terminal will facilitate,” Mr Byron said.

Canberra Airport invites written comments on the draft development proposal until close of business Thursday 5 December 2013 to: 2 Brindabella Circuit, Brindabella Business Park, Majura ACT 2609. The draft proposal is available for viewing during the consultation period on the website at www.canberraairport.com.au or in person during office hours at 1st Floor, 2 Brindabella Circuit, Brindabella Business Park.

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