



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**12 December 2017**

### **CANBERRA AIRPORT INFLIGHT CATERER, ALPHA FLIGHT SERVICES, TO RELOCATE TO LARGER PREMISES**

Alpha Flight Services General Manager of Facilities, Michael Beveridge, is joining Canberra Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron on Wednesday, to turn the first sod on what will be the inflight caterer's new premises.

Now preparing around 20,000 inflight meals a week at its 1 Drake Crescent, Canberra Airport location, Alpha is moving a little further up the road, to 16 George Tyson Drive, where a yet-to-be-built, state-of-the-art facility will better accommodate the needs of current and new airlines flying into Canberra Airport.

These include meeting 14 different dietary requirements for passengers of Singapore Airlines, which began a Singapore-Canberra-Wellington route in 2016, and Qatar, which will commence a service in February 2018. Alpha also provides a service for Virgin Australia, Qantas, the Australian Defence Force (Government), corporate jets and any guest of Government Charters visiting Canberra.

Alpha's new premises, due to be completed in late 2018, will have 2000 sq m of floor space – around 35 per cent more than its current location.

Located on two floors, the new Canberra kitchen will have six chill rooms, a deep freeze, a storeroom for perishables, and an area for 'plating up' meals for business class passengers. The new facility at 16 George Tyson Drive will also have the capacity for providing a halal service, if needed.

Alpha's Canberra operation currently employs 49 staff. The business also has a presence in most capital cities, and a head office at Broadbeach, on Queensland's Gold Coast.

**EVENT: First sod turn at new premises for Alpha Flight Services.**

**TIME: 9:30 TO 10:30**

**DATE: Wednesday 13 December**

**LOCATION: 16 George Tyson Drive, Canberra Airport.**

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