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### **Domestic Aviation is back for Canberra Airport—trans-Tasman bubble a step closer**

The Canberra Airport now has more than 90 domestic flights arriving and departing a week as it strives to reboot aviation in Australia and with New Zealand.

Head of Aviation, Michael Thomson, said Canberra Airport is open for business, and corporate Australia and leisure travellers should take advantage of the flights on offer.

“We are not yet back to full capacity, but with 90 flights per-week linking Canberra with Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane, and Melbourne there is a lot of opportunity for people to travel,” Mr Thomson said.

“We welcome the announcement today that South Australia will open its borders to domestic travel as of 20 July and we will keep you updated with the Canberra-Adelaide-Canberra flights as they come back online. Given our city’s zero level of COVID-19 community transmission, we are hopeful of an earlier date for flights between our two cities.

“Queensland proposes to re-open its border on July 10, subject to medical advice at the end of this month.

“The opening of our Australian State borders, like that of South Australia and Queensland, provides an impetus for the opening of the trans-Tasman travel bubble. We already have over 3500 people who have registered their interest to fly between Canberra and Wellington and we want to make this a reality for all of them.

“The medical advice is that our States can open their borders and we invite them to do that—each State border that opens takes us a step closer to the return of jobs and the survival of businesses in the tourism sector.

**“We also call on corporate Australia to reassess your staff travel policies in line with the current medical advice. All domestic air travel is permitted and is deemed safe.”**

For more information on how the Canberra Airport is working to keep passengers safe during and beyond COVID-19 go to <https://www.canberraairport.com.au/>

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