

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **New security body-scanners at Canberra Airport –safer flying**

The Canberra Airport has installed a new security screening system with technology from Smiths Detection to further improve the screening of passengers and their carry-on luggage.

Head of Aviation, Michael Thomson, said Canberra Airport has world-class security processes and the new machines will provide even better screening of passengers and safer flying.

“Canberra Airport is open for business with around 100 flights per week and now it is even safer and easier for you to make your flight,” Mr Thomson said.

“The new machines have reached the highest level of security certification, and eliminate the need to remove liquids, aerosols, and electronic devices like laptops from cabin bags.

“Several passengers can put their bags down simultaneously for screening, compared to the previous system where passengers had to wait for their turn.

“The passenger pauses briefly as they pass through the body screening machine and it provides a safe full image for operators to review. This more informative image coupled with automatic algorithms to help guide operators to items of interest, makes this a truly powerful security tool.

“We have invested in the new technology as part of our ongoing improvements to passenger experience—without compromising on safety—and to meet new government regulations regarding security screening at airports. They also allow for better utilisation of staff while increasing the security outcome for everyone.

“Whether it be for business or leisure, get back to flying through our COVID-safe Canberra Airport knowing that it is now even easier and even safer to reach your destination.”

Canberra Airport continues its body temperature scanning of all passengers with thermal cameras at security, this is one of the many measures the airport is taking to be a COVID-19 safe environment.

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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