



Gold Coast Airport

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GREEN LIGHT FOR AIRPORT TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT

Gold Coast Airport today (10/9) welcomed the Federal Government's tick of approval for a \$100million redevelopment of the airport's main terminal.

Scheduled to start next year, the project will double the size of the existing facility to almost 27,000 square metres, incorporating common user check-in desks and self service kiosks.

The main terminal - incorporating T1 and T2 - currently houses operations for Qantas, Jetstar, Virgin Blue, Freedom Air and Pacific Blue.

More than 3.75 million passengers passed through the terminal last financial year.

The approval is the next step in the airport upgrade following the opening of the airport's \$25 million runway extension in May this year.

"This approval is fantastic news for all involved - from our airline and business partners to the local tourism industry and the travelling public," said Gold Coast Airport Chief Operating Officer Paul Donovan.

"When completed, the terminal will be an impressive, user friendly gateway for passengers and a cost effective facility for airlines.

"Most importantly, it will provide the capacity to sustain our forecast passenger growth for the next 20 years.

"Already Gold Coast to Sydney is the fourth busiest route in the country with more than 150 flights per week.

"With our airline partners demonstrating their confidence in the destination and the airport by throwing extra capacity at us and the introduction of new services, the redevelopment and expansion of our terminal is vital to accommodate our growth."

Mr Donovan said the proposed redevelopment would be undertaken in two stages.

"Stage one involves refurbishing and remodelling the internal area of the existing terminal and increasing the size of the building by more than 13,000 square metres with extensions airside and towards the south.

“This will give us the capacity to handle forecast peaks in passenger movements for at least the next 10 years.

“The design of stage one will maximise views across the runway and functionality, creating a light and airy feeling with bright colours to reflect the tropical holiday nature of the destination.

“We’ve also taken into consideration the current and future needs of the low cost carrier airlines using the terminal by adopting a common user approach where possible. This includes one check-in area, a common passenger security screening facility and one baggage collection area for all airlines.”

Other key features include:

- Common User Self Service Check-in Kiosks for all airlines;
- Additional space for passenger handling and transfers;
- 100% check bag screening for domestic and international services, in line with current legislation;
- A single central passenger screening point to accommodate and encourage flow-through of both passengers and airport visitors;
- Improved and expanded retail and dining areas;
- Adoption of environmentally sustainable design elements where feasible such as maximising the use of natural light;
- Improved comfortable amenities for patrons; and
- Theming to reflect elements of local tourism campaigns.

Stage 2 will then commence as demand dictates with additional extensions to the terminal to the north and the south, creating another 15,000 square metres of floor space.

Gold Coast Airport’s current terminal was built in 1981 when the airport welcomed just over 300,000 passengers annually. More than 3.75 million passengers passed through the terminal in 2006/07, 10 times the original figure.

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