

## **Media Release**

### **29 April 2022 – Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport**

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Sydney Metro Airports (SMA), the owner and operator of the Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport, is pleased that South Australian Senator Rex Patrick had an opportunity to visit Bankstown Airport on Sunday 1 May.

SMA had previously updated Senator Patrick on the multi-million improvements being made at Bankstown airport, including the refurbishment of the Airport terminal, the new Airfield Ground Lighting, hangar and apron upgrades, and also the work still to be done to modernise the airport.

SMA is focussed on delivering enhanced services, growing aviation opportunities and improving safety at Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport while creating jobs and economic value for the local region and the general aviation industry.

Since the change in SMA's ownership in 2015, SMA has focused on improving services, ensuring investment back into aviation businesses and infrastructure and positioning the airports for growth. The airports have a significant legacy, and this journey is ongoing.

SMA's vision is to create thriving and diverse destinations that connect aviation, commerce and the community and SMA is working to ensure that Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport meet the general aviation, emergency and passenger services and flight training needs of Sydney and NSW, and to develop the aviation and commercial assets for sustainable growth and value.

SMA has a clear vision to develop Bankstown Airport into a dynamic, integrated aviation and commercial centre for Greater Western Sydney, with its hub for emergency services, general aviation, training, logistics and destination retail. Bankstown Airport is already a major centre of economic activity and is generating direct employment for more than 3,000 people and makes a significant contribution to the local economy.

SMA is committed to aviation continuing to be at the heart of the business strategy and service offering to the community and continues to progressively upgrade assets to provide the best possible experience for general aviation, operators, customers and visitors.

SMA is delivering a range of improvements at Bankstown Airport and they are:

- The refurbishment of the Airport Terminal, which includes a dedicated lounge area, new furnishings, viewing areas and improved Wi-Fi and digital connectivity.
- The recently completed \$3.5 million Airfield Ground Lighting upgrade for the runway and taxiway complex, including new lighting configuration, new LED lights and a new Air Traffic Control interface to provide safety improvements for all aerodrome users

- Hangar and apron area upgrades
- Continuing to adhere to strong Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) measures
- The new Altitude industrial and logistics hub including more than 160,000sqm of prime industrial and logistics assets
- The introduction of a new CCTV camera network around the airport (Stage 1 complete)
- Road and landscaping upgrades

These measures are in addition to the significant investments in the aviation sector since the change in ownership:

- The 10,000sqm premier facility for the NSW Police Force Aviation Support Branch (POLAIR) servicing the whole of NSW and facilities for emergency services
- The 10,000sqm TOLL NSW Ambulance Aeromedical Crewing Excellence (ACE) Training and Helicopter Operations Centre
- The refurbished and extended facilities for both Newborn & Paediatric Emergency Transport Service (NETS) and for National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS).

The current Master Plan for Bankstown Airport was approved in 2019 following extensive community consultation and public exhibition. The Master Plan 2019 outlines the strategic direction for Bankstown Airport's development over the five year planning timeframe and the vision for the next 20 years. This includes a number of future key developments aimed at growing aviation opportunities and creating jobs and economic value for the Canterbury-Bankstown region.

SMA continues to work towards rolling out further improvements. The Bankstown Airport Master Plan 2019 forecasts the airport will contribute \$1.64 billion per annum and almost 1,700 new jobs to the NSW economy over five years, with almost 4,000 jobs created over the next 20 years.

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