

Media release

Major milestone reached in Newcastle Airport terminal expansion

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Today a major milestone was achieved in Newcastle Airport's terminal expansion project.

Completion of Stage 1 of the project was recognised with a ceremonial cutting of the ribbon by Minister for Planning and Environment and Minister for Women, Pru Goward.

This stage has been completed on schedule and comprises a 2,600m² extension to the existing terminal building. It has created a new arrivals hall and provides a dedicated area for permanent customs, immigration, and quarantine facilities in readiness for potential international services.

The formal completion of Stage 1 means Newcastle Airport is able to discuss future direct international services to and from Newcastle without infrastructure being a barrier.

Newcastle Airport's CEO, Paul Hughes said he was proud of the international facilities the completion of Stage 1 provided but, was quick to point out that "international flights aren't a switch we can simply turn on."

He then continued to say that Airport management is in discussion with airlines regarding the introduction of international services and the lack of international processing facilities will no longer be a barrier for entry for airlines into the Newcastle market.

"We now we have a building; we can now clearly show that we are ready and able. I am hopeful that direct international services will soon be a reality for our Hunter travellers."

Stage 2 of the redevelopment will commence in the coming week. This second stage involves a full refurbishment of the existing terminal which will become dedicated to check-in and an expansive departure lounge. The entire project is expected to be completed in late 2015.

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