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Newcastle Airport leading the way with new mandatory security screening

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Hunter and Northern NSW residents will be among the first to experience new state of the art security screening equipment with Newcastle Airport set to be one of the first in the country to be fully compliant with new mandatory aviation security screening requirements.

Speaking today, Newcastle Airport CEO, Peter Cock said the new high tech screening equipment would ensure the safety and comfort of passengers would remain a feature at the airport.

“We’re thrilled to be one of the first airports to install this world leading system and make the security screening process faster and easier. This new equipment will include both CT x-rays and full body scanners capable of identifying suspicious objects of any material type.”

“Once the new equipment is installed, passengers will no longer be required to undergo random explosives detection testing or to remove electronic devices, aerosols and liquids from their hand luggage, making for a smoother journey.”

“We’re proud to announce Rapiscan Systems as the successful tenderer to supply and install this new security screening equipment. A global leader in security equipment and systems with products installed in major airports worldwide, Rapiscan are well placed to bring this technology to our Airport.”

Speaking to the rollout at Newcastle Airport, Rapiscan Systems President, Mal Maginnis said he’s looking forward to delivering a better customer experience for passengers across Northern NSW:

“We are honoured to have been selected by the team at Newcastle Airport to provide the most advanced CT technology for inspection of checked and carry-on baggage. The combined technologies create a better experience for passengers while improving Newcastle airport’s security outcomes and strengthening overall aviation security.”

The new security screening system will be installed by end of 2019, well ahead of the 2020 deadline.

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Further information

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About Newcastle Airport

- > Named 'Major Airport of the Year' at the 2018 Australian Airports Association Industry Awards.
- > Newcastle Airport is the second international gateway into New South Wales and the second busiest airport in the state.
- > Serviced by Jetstar, Virgin Australia, QantasLink, Regional Express, and FlyPelican to eight direct domestic destinations and onward to more than 65 worldwide destinations.
- > Newcastle Airport is the gateway to Australia's largest regional economy, with more than \$43 billion annual output and 48,500 businesses.
- > A significant economic driver, Newcastle Airport contributes more than \$1.1 billion to the state's economy each year. Of this, \$300 million is direct to the visitor economy, supporting 3,300 jobs.
- > On 22 March 2018, Newcastle Airport released its 60-year Master Plan, which includes a 20-year blueprint for growth, projections and business development of the Airport.
- > Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd is jointly owned by City of Newcastle and Port Stephens Council and is governed by an independent, skills-based Board of Directors.
- > FY17/18 passenger results saw Newcastle Airport break its all-time FY record with 1,272,634 travellers passing through the terminal.
- > A record-breaking 4,823 passengers travelled through Newcastle Airport on Thursday 24 November 2018 (the day before Newcastle Supercars). The same weekend (Thurs-Mon), saw more than 21,000 through the Airport.
- > In December 2018, Newcastle Airport welcomed its 18 millionth passenger through the terminal since 1995.