

New Terminal Cleared for Take Off



The biggest development in 81 years; Canberra's new terminal gets the green light.

December 2007: Canberra International Airport has committed \$250 million toward building the greenest terminal in the country.

Making the announcement, Airport Managing Director, Mr. Stephen Byron, said the new terminal was designed to cater for future aviation growth and would make Canberra the most green, modern, user friendly, internationally capable airport in Australia. It would also place Canberra firmly as an alternative to Sydney's second airport.

"This is the biggest development in the airport's 81 year history and will benefit Canberra in many ways," Mr. Byron said. "The terminal will cater for our current aviation partners - Qantas, Virgin, Tiger and Brindabella Airlines - and position us to attract new low-cost airlines."

Key features of the new terminal include a doubling of check-in counters from 16 to 32, a trebling of the baggage belt capacity and the

installation of two new aerobridges. Car parking spaces are set to double to 2,500 and lounge facilities will quadruple to 6,000 square metres.

The terminal will also feature the latest environmental controls with the installation of a tri-generation plant that will effectively cut greenhouse gas emissions by 75%. Making it the greenest terminal in the world. The plant uses excess heat from a natural gas electricity generation plant to heat the terminal in winter and cool it in summer. The terminal will also use recycled water and materials in construction.

ACT Chief Minister, Mr Jon Stanhope said the massive terminal investment would reinvigorate the aerial gateway into Canberra in time for the city's centenary in 2013.

It was a definite vote of confidence in the ACT

economy as a tourist and business destination, he said.

Mr. Byron said the airport's role was to build the necessary infrastructure and then allow the airlines to come aboard at a time of their choosing.

"The decision to proceed with the terminal follows the completion of the airport's main runway lengthening project and a financial commitment by the ACT and Commonwealth Government's to upgrade regional roads.

Construction Control will project manage the work which is expected to provide jobs for around 700 people.

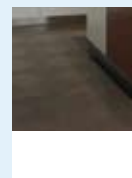
Work is due to start this July and finish in 2010.

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Googong Draft Plan Goes Public

4 December 2007: Canberra International Airport has congratulated the NSW Government's approval of a draft plan for Googong - a new town of 20,000 people south of Queanbeyan to go on public exhibition.

"We have always maintained that Googong is the best area to cater for Queanbeyan's rapid population growth," Airport Managing Director, Mr. Byron said. "The area was approved by an Independent Panel of planning experts to review land releases as the most suitable site because it was unaffected by aircraft noise."

Googong was one of five proposed subdivisions in Queanbeyan assessed by the Independent Panel last year. Blocks are expected to be on the market by 2009.

Queanbeyan Mayor Frank Pangallo supports the development, because the City of Queanbeyan ran out of Greenfield sites two years ago and now has demand for around 300-400 blocks a year.

Googong will be developed eight kilometres to the south of Queanbeyan's CBD and will provide the ACT region with 10% of its land supply over the next 25 years.

Canberra Investment Corporation Managing Director, Mr. Col Alexander, said the Googong development will have a town centre, village centres, and six public schools and will consume 20% less water than a standard town centre.

Mr Alexander said settlement was yet to be reached on a cross-border arrangement with the ACT Government for water but he did not expect this to be an issue.

He did not believe Googong would compete with ACT land sales.

"The ACT Government would like this land shortage to be resolved by the end of next year," Mr. Alexander said.

Pialligo Road Duplication Starts

Preliminary work to duplicate a stretch of Pialligo Avenue, has started.

The work is approved by the National Capital Authority and includes land clearing and the removal of some ageing pine trees on a 1.3 kilometre stretch of Pialligo Road between the intersections of Beltana Road and Brindabella Circuit. This land has been identified as the long term road reserve for the last 40 years.

Airport Managing Director, Mr Stephen Byron, said duplication of Pialligo Road is designed to significantly reduce travelling time and congestion in the Majura Valley.

Independent studies commissioned by the Airport had established that duplication would ultimately reduce east-west travelling on Pialligo Avenue from eight to three minutes.

Mr Byron said residents of Pialligo were consulted about the works and as a result the Airport had agreed to increase the distance between the new stretch of duplicated road and adjoining rural properties.

Tenders for the actual construction of the duplicated road will close 18 January.

Local companies are among the five businesses tendering for the work.

Formal construction of the duplicated road is scheduled to start 1 February.



Virgin Gives New Terminal Thumbs Up

Thursday 6 December 2007: Virgin Blue today congratulated Canberra Airport on its planned multi-million dollar terminal redevelopment that is set to position it as one of the most modern and efficient in the country.

Virgin Blue has been in close consultation with Canberra Airport regarding the project and has thrown its full support behind the redevelopment right from the drawing board.

Virgin Blue General Manager, Ground Operations, Andrew Lillyman said, "We offer a hearty congratulations to the team at Canberra Airport for committing to such a comprehensive and bold terminal overhaul and we very much look forward to continuing to work with them on it."

The terminal redevelopment announcement comes hot on the heels of Virgin Blue's recent

additional commitment to Canberra with the opening in August of its brand new corporate Lounge facility for Guests travelling to and from the nation's capital.

Virgin Blue also recently confirmed it will launch direct flights between Canberra and Sydney from February next year under the "Capital Jet" banner, operating eight daily services using the executive style Embraer E-jets to provide competition on the key route.

The airline has repositioned itself from a traditional Low Cost Carrier to a New World Carrier, with this strategy proving instrumental in attracting an increasing share of business and Government travellers.

Andrew Lillyman continued, "These are progressive times for both Virgin Blue and Canberra Airport. The expansion plans for both the airport and the airline will mean more space for Virgin Blue to grow, a sleek new area for The Lounge to move to and a more comfortable and enjoyable environment for travellers."

By 2009, Canberra Airport will become one of the most significant ports in the entire Virgin Blue network, with the airline almost doubling flights to the city. It will position Canberra just behind the mainline ports of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in terms of aircraft movement and capacity.



Qantas's \$10 Million Terminal Upgrade

6 December 2007: Qantas announced today it would undertake a \$10 million program of improvements to its domestic terminal at Canberra International Airport to commence this February 2008.

Qantas Executive General Manager Services, Curtis Davies, said the changes would provide enhanced facilities for passengers, aircraft and baggage services in the period leading up to the completion of new Multi User Integrated Terminal (MUIT) facilities.

"Qantas will undertake a significant improvement to its current terminal facilities until the MUIT is fully operational, to provide enhanced passenger, baggage and aircraft facilities," Mr Davies said.

The improvements at Qantas' Canberra terminal include:

- expanded check-in facilities;
- installation of an additional security lane,

providing extra space for periods of peak demand;

- expansion of the baggage system to provide added capacity, improved access and quicker delivery times;
- installation of an additional aerobridge allowing greater capacity during periods of peak demand.

Mr Davies said Qantas would also expand and upgrade the Qantas Club and open a new dedicated business lounge in late 2008.

"The new lounge will offer a more spacious layout, more private seating arrangements, social areas, enhanced food and business services, work suites, complimentary wireless internet and shower facilities."

Mr Davies said Qantas had also entered into a long-term arrangement with Canberra

International Airport to participate in the development of the Multi User Integrated Terminal. Qantas would be the largest airline to operate from the terminal.

"The new terminal, and its state-of-the-art facilities, would give Qantas access to additional check-in counters, aerobridges and gate lounges, improved baggage facilities and new and larger lounges," Mr Davies said.

Mr Davies said having a state-of-the-art terminal and facilities including baggage system and aerobridges would help underpin Qantas' continued growth in the Canberra market.

"Canberra has experienced strong domestic passenger growth for a number of years which has placed pressure on the airport's infrastructure. The terminal will provide a sustainable long-term solution for the airport."



Terminal Road Changes

Preparatory works associated with Canberra International Airport's new \$250 million terminal precinct will involve some minor changes to road flows from early February.

The main changes include:

- The expansion of the current short stay car parks into the former rental car parking area increasing parking by 400 spaces;
- Rental car parking to move to new site west of its current site and serviced by the extended terminal circuit;

- The extension of terminal circuit will deliver increased drop off space and expanded taxi rank facilities;
- The creation of a one way traffic flow along Tyson Drive which means closing this access point to Brindabella Business Park;
- As a result, staff at Brindabella Business Park are encouraged to use the Brindabella Circuit roundabout entry off Pialligo Avenue as the most direct access point to the park. This will help avoid any possible congestion on Terminal Circuit.

Electronic signage and courtesy crews will be assisting motorists once the works begin.

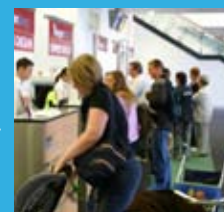
Further information and updates are also available at www.canberraairport.com.au/changes

New Terminal Precinct Key Facts.

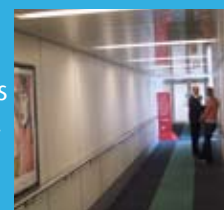
- Trigeneration technology will reduce terminal greenhouse gas emissions by 75%.



- Check in counters doubled from 16-32.



- Two new aerobridges taking the total to 6.



- Car parking spaces doubled to 2500.



- Baggage belt capacity trebled.



- Lounge facilities Quadrupled.



- Work starts June this year; scheduled for completion by 2010.



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