

ASA Releases Master Plan

Alice Springs Airports' (ASA) 20-year Master Plan has been approved by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Hon. Michael McCormack, MP.

The Master Plan will guide planning at ASA until 2040 and provide a blueprint for on-site aeronautical and commercial development at the 3550-hectare site for the next 8 years.

Dave Batic, General Manager Alice Springs Airport said, "The Master Plan has identified the Seven-Mile Precinct as a location for commercial development."

The Seven-Mile Business Precinct, located approximately 1km from the Stuart Highway with direct road access, incorporates a number of heritage-listed buildings relating to the original aerodrome constructed during World War II.

"With Alice Springs strategically located in the centre of Australia, just 3 hours flying time or less from 5 capital cities, there is enormous scope for commercial use at the site."

"It is a surprise to most people that Alice Springs Airport is the largest airport in the Southern Hemisphere by land size."

"Our land size and location provide enormous future development opportunities."

Aviation operations currently use only 800 hectares, or 25%, of the site.

In addition to future development the Master Plan includes an Environment Strategy, which details ASA's commitment to environmental management across the site and actions to be taken over the next eight years to ensure continual improvement.

"Alice Springs Airport has long been committed to sustainability and the actions outlined in this Master Plan will ensure we continue to identify how we can incorporate these principles into all aspects of our operation," Mr Batic concluded.

ASA was an early adopter of solar technology, with existing solar panels supplying 90% of the Airport's annual electricity demand and is on track to achieving zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

This is the fifth Master Plan ASA has released since it was privatised in 1998, guiding more than \$80 million investment in the facility over that time.

In 2018/19 the Airport welcomed more than 620,000 passengers and contributed an estimated \$123 million to the Northern Territory's gross regional product (GRP).

ASA's Master Plan can be found - <https://www.alicespringsairport.com.au/planning>

Background

Airport Development Group (ADG)

- Is 100% Australian owned by super funds IFM Investors and Palisade Investment Partners Ltd and contribute to the retirement funds of approximately 70,000 Territorians
- Own a diverse range of assets and businesses – across aviation, property/infrastructure, energy/utilities and hospitality
- Is the parent company of NT Airports, which owns and operates three major airports in the NT - Darwin International, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek Airports.

Alice Springs Airport

- Is located 15km from the CBD, with 2 runways, modern terminal and retail, aviation charter and mechanics, stratospheric research and commercial aircraft storage
- Is Central Australia's major airport, approximately 3 hours or less flying time from 5 Australian capital cities
- ASA is leased from the Federal Government with 50 + 49-year leases, as at 1998, and has 24/7 curfew free operations
- Is an essential operational base for the RFDS.

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