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Airport Development Group Announces CEO Transition

Airport Development Group (ADG) Chief Executive Officer, Tony Edmondstone, has advised the Board of his intention to depart from mid-2027, following almost seven years leading the organisation. Mr Edmondstone advised the Board of his decision late last year, with the timing of his departure driven by the need to relocate closer to family and both Tony and the Board's belief that the ADG CEO should reside in, and actively support, the Northern Territory.

While Mr Edmondstone's departure remains some time away, the early announcement has allowed the Board to undertake a comprehensive global executive search to identify a high-calibre successor and ensure a smooth leadership transition.

ADG Chair Mike Mrdak AO said the Board respected Tony's decision and was grateful for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the Northern Territory.

"Tony has been an exceptional leader whose vision, integrity and commitment have helped position Airport Development Group as one of Australia's leading airport and infrastructure businesses," Mr Mrdak said.

"Under Tony's leadership, ADG has strengthened its position as a significant contributor to the Northern Territory economy, delivering major infrastructure investment, expanding aviation connectivity, growing its property and tourism portfolio, and creating lasting partnerships with industry, government and the community."

"While we are naturally disappointed that Tony will be stepping down, we fully understand and support his decision."

"Importantly, Tony will remain with ADG well into 2027, providing the Board with ample time to undertake a global search for his successor while ensuring continuity of leadership and delivery of ADG's strategic priorities."

Mr Edmondstone said it had been a privilege to lead Airport Development Group and contribute to the Northern Territory's growth over the past seven years.

"Leading Airport Development Group has been one of the greatest privileges of my career," Mr Edmondstone said.

"The Northern Territory is a remarkable place with enormous opportunity, and I am incredibly proud of what our team has achieved together."

"This decision has not been an easy one. However, I remain absolutely committed to the Northern Territory, ADG, our people and our stakeholders, and I look forward to continuing to lead the organisation over the next year as we deliver our strategic priorities and ensure a seamless transition."

"I remain passionate about the future growth and economic prosperity of the Northern Territory and will continue working alongside the ADG team, industry partners and governments to deliver outcomes that benefit the Territory well into the future."

Since joining ADG in 2020, Mr Edmondstone has overseen a period of significant growth and transformation, including navigating the significant COVID impacts, attracting new international and domestic aviation services, transforming the Darwin Airport Terminal precinct including the Darwin Airport Resorts, advancing ADG renewable energy portfolio with additional generation and commercial scale BESS, strengthening partnerships with government and industry, and reinforcing ADG's role as a key economic enabler for Northern Australia.

The Board has already commenced an international recruitment process.

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