

2023 Master Plan outlines major airport investments to accommodate significant passenger growth and infrastructure development

Airport Development Group has today released the Darwin International (DIA) *Preliminary Draft 2023 Master Plan*. It focuses on significant infrastructure investment to support growth with passenger numbers through DIA predicted to reach between 3.7 and 5.5 million annually by 2043.

The *Master Plan* will guide the development of existing and proposed airport facilities and land use for the next 20 years, with forecasting showing growth in aircraft movement, aviation support facilities and commercial developments over the period.

Rob Porter, Executive General Manager Operations said the *Master Plan* provides a roadmap for Airport Development Group's (ADG) investment across the entire airport precinct.

"Territorians rely on aviation services more than any other jurisdiction, and the development of the aviation industry is crucially linked to the economic and social development of the NT.

"Over the next 20 years ADG will make significant investments to support the predicted growth in passenger numbers and attract additional air and freight services to Darwin."

Investments outlined in the *Master Plan* include enhancing taxiways and aircraft parking capacity, upgrading and expanding the existing terminal to enhance customer experience, redeveloping road systems to improve accessibility and safety, and proposed changes to the forecourt in front of the terminal to improve pedestrian flow and beautify the area with landscaping.

It's anticipated that ADG will continue to be a significant contributor to the NT economy, with airport activities at DIA forecast to contribute up to \$1.8 billion to NT GSP in 2043 and delivering up to 7,400 jobs over the period.

With the Covid pandemic demonstrating that successful businesses need to adapt to change Mr Porter says growing a diverse asset portfolio will ensure ADG's long term viability.

"Aviation will remain at the core of our business, however we need to be flexible to meet changing conditions and the *Master Plan* identifies opportunities to develop the existing business, retail, property and tourism precincts to provide ADG with long-term sustainability.

"With 80 hectares of land in the airport's lease area available for commercial development, we will actively pursue a range of new business opportunities, including new commercial offices and showrooms, retail and leisure, hotels, cafes and restaurants. Strategic partnerships will be important to successfully deliver these projects.

ADG remains committed to environmental management and significant renewable energy investments are also planned, including opportunities to utilise available roof space on buildings across the airport site for further solar power generation.

ADG's *DIA 2023 Master Plan* is open to public consultation from Friday 22 September to Monday 18 December 2023.

Public consultation information can be found -

<https://www.darwinairport.com.au/business/planning-buildings/airport-master-plan>

About ADG

ADG is a Darwin-based private company that own diverse assets across the Northern Territory, including airports in Darwin, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek, utilities, and a significant property portfolio.

ADG is 100% Australian owned by IFM Investors and Palisade Investment Partners Ltd, which contribute to the retirement funds of more than 75,000 Territorians.

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