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QANTAS AGREEMENT PAVES WAY FOR TERMINAL DEVELOPMENT

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A milestone agreement signed today between Qantas Airways and Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd (GCAPL) will facilitate the \$100million redevelopment of the terminal facilities at the Gold Coast Airport.

Under the current arrangements Qantas Groups Airlines, Qantas and Jetstar operate from the southern end of the terminal known as Terminal One (T1).

Virgin Blue and the international carriers Freedom Air, Pacific Blue and Jetstar International operate from the northern end or Terminal Two (T2).

T2 is a common user facility whilst T1 is dedicated to Qantas.

The agreement with Qantas will permit the whole terminal to be used as a common user facility and facilitate a redevelopment as effectively one terminal.

Chief Operating Officer for Gold Coast Airport, Paul Donovan said the agreement with Qantas will significantly increase the range of facilities including shopping and food and beverage outlets available in the new terminal.

"We will be working with the current concessionaires in this regard as well as creating significant efficiencies in the introduction of new security procedures.

"Subject to the receipt of the planning and guidelines approvals from the Federal Government this allows GCAPL to proceed with the detailed planning and tendering of the terminal upgrade," Mr Donovan said.

The terminal expansion and redevelopment will be undertaken over a two year period and involves the construction of an extension to the airside of the current building and significant renovation of the existing terminal.

This project comes hot on the heels of the opening of the \$25million runway extension project.

“Together these projects will accommodate our anticipated growth from the nearly four million passengers at present to around seven million in 10 years,” Mr Donovan said.

“This investment is a significant vote of confidence by our own company in the attractiveness of the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers regions to domestic and international visitors.

“This agreement is timely given our continued growth expectations heightened by last weeks announcement by Jetstar that it would introduce three additional daily services to the Gold Coast from Sydney and Melbourne,” Mr Donovan said.

Gold Coast awareness has been further strengthened with the Jetstar sponsorship of the NRL Jetstar Titans and the arrival today of the Airbus A320 painted in the Titans livery will certainly add to this, Mr Donovan said.

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