



Hobart Airport  
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## New gates mark next step of Hobart Airport's transformation

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Passengers travelling through Hobart Airport this week will be the first to experience the next stage of the terminal's \$200-million redevelopment, with the opening of new departure gates marking the next step in the airport's expansion.

Hobart Airport CEO Norris Carter said the opening marked another step in the largest transformation in the airport's history, with the terminal expanding to meet growing demand and deliver a significantly enhanced passenger experience.

"The redevelopment will double the size of the terminal, giving travellers more space, more choice of food and retail, and more jobs for Tasmanians," Mr Carter said.

"With two new gates opening today, passengers can experience firsthand the next stage of the project, which is being carefully staged so we can remain fully operational while construction continues.

"From next month, the current Departures area will temporarily close as construction on the terminal expansion continues. During this period, we'll open additional interim gates and more seating for passengers. We're also excited to progressively roll out new food and retail options, including York Street Bar, Outbound Café and the return of the much-loved Coal River Café."

Mr Carter said the staged approach to the redevelopment meant passengers would continue to experience improvements throughout the project, rather than waiting for a single completion date.

"What's exciting isn't just the new spaces — it's what they represent. We're building an airport that reflects Tasmania and is designed for the way people want to travel today and into the future," he said.

"Over the past nine months, passengers have already seen major improvements, including our new security screening area and new retail outlets, with very positive feedback."

Mr Carter said almost 3 million passengers use the airport per year and numbers are forecast to reach 3.5 million by 2030, making the expansion essential.

"We already welcome more than four times our state's population through the airport each year," he said.

"This investment is about keeping up with that growth and delivering an airport that's ready for Tasmania's future. An airport that will support tourism, trade and community connection for decades to come."



Hutchinson Builders State Manager Nick Silcox said he was focused on progressing the project on schedule and to be creating infrastructure that would benefit the state for decades.

“This redevelopment is creating significant employment opportunities for Tasmanians, with around 150 local workers and contractors on-site every day, all playing a key role in delivering the project,” Mr Silcox said.

“Safety has been our top priority from day one, particularly working in a live airport environment, and we’ve worked closely with Hobart Airport to ensure construction is carried out safely with minimal disruption to passengers.

“We’re pleased to have reached this milestone on schedule, and we remain focused on delivering the next stages of the airport’s transformation safely and efficiently.”

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