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'TAKE OFF TIME' FOR ARCHERFIELD AIRPORT

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Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC) has welcomed Federal Government approval of the Archerfield Airport Master Plan, advising that the airport can now realise its potential and develop into a quality secondary aviation facility.

The Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Warren Truss, this week approved the Archerfield Airport *Master Plan 2005 - 2025*. The Plan will ensure that the airport maintains an aviation focus and develops as a centre of excellence for aeronautical and related industries.

Mr Gavin Bird, Managing Director of the privately-owned AAC, said the Commonwealth's approval of the Master Plan endorsed the Corporation's current direction in developing Archerfield Airport to handle an expected 220,000 aircraft movements a year by 2025. Currently, the airport (just 12km from Brisbane's CBD) handles about 150,000 movements.

"In the past seven years, the Corporation has concentrated strongly on upgrading airport infrastructure to ensure the growth of aviation at Archerfield," he said. "For example, we have carried out runway, taxiway and turbine pad upgrades; developed a new stormwater system; purchased and refurbished the historic terminal building; developed a new facility for the Queensland Emergency Service; attracted new airport tenants and underwritten the Archerfield Airshow.

"Our core business is to provide an airport that meets or exceeds the reasonable economic, environmental and operational needs of the aviation industry. As well, we will progressively develop the non-aeronautical sections of the airport while ensuring that the type of development does not adversely affect the growth of the aviation industry at Archerfield.

"The AAC thanks everyone who contributed quality input throughout the consultation process," Mr Bird said. "We have taken on board comments from many stakeholders, including the Federal Government, to ensure that our vision is clearly articulated in the Plan.

"The Plan will uncover the real potential of the airport, which is now set to evolve into a modern, world-class airport that South East Queensland can be proud of."

Under the planning framework detailed by the Plan, the airport development will occur within three land use zones – Special Purpose Centre (Airport) Area, General Industry and Light Industry Areas. Key development projects to be funded by the AAC will include the development of a \$3 million, state-of-the-art hangar complex for the Wirraway Avenue aviation precinct; the creation of six 3,000sq.m. lots for new aviation developments; further development of the non-aviation south western estate; and continuation of best practice with all maintenance projects.

The Plan also addresses the ‘missing link’ between Beatty and Balham Roads. This is to enable the roads to be linked, alleviating traffic congestion on the nearby Brisbane Urban Corridor. The AAC is working closely with the Brisbane City Council and State Government on this project.

Mr Bird said the Federal Government’s endorsement of the Plan was a great tribute to the foresight and planning by the Airport General Manager, Richard Kent, and his team.

“There are some exciting times and challenges ahead for all involved during this period of redevelopment,” he said.

As required, AAC will now publish the final Master Plan within 90 days. Free download copies will soon be available to the public at www.archerfieldairport.com.au.