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ADELAIDE NAMED AUSTRALIA'S BEST CAPITAL CITY AIRPORT

Adelaide Airport has been voted Australia's Capital City Airport of the Year by its peers at the 2009 Australian Aviation Industry Awards in Sydney. It is the second time Adelaide Airport has won the award in the past four years.

The Australian Airports Association has recognised Adelaide Airport for its "major step forward in industry leadership" and in particular in the area of wildlife management.

The association said it demonstrated "an outstanding example of leadership and support for the benefit of the aviation industry and every Australian airport".

Adelaide Airport Ltd (AAL) Managing Director, Phil Baker, said the achievement was an outstanding result for the airport and its staff, and in particular for its environmental team.

"Wildlife management, which deals with important issues such as bird strikes, is clearly an important facet of our safety and security management and sustainability initiatives. AAL has worked in collaboration with off airport institutions and local authorities in setting a new benchmark for airports in this area," Mr Baker said.

"We've then made our wildlife management plan accessible, free-of-charge, for all other Australian airports.

"Adelaide Airport Ltd is proud of what we have been able to achieve, both in terms of running an efficient domestic and international airport and through our environment and sustainability initiatives."

AAL also won the 'Capital City Airport of the Year' award in 2006 for being "a terrific gateway for Adelaide and South Australia" and for its "use of new technology and environmentally friendly practices".

In 2007, Adelaide Airport was named as the world's second best airport in the 5 – 15 million passengers category by Airports Council International. In 2008 it was voted equal best Australian airport for quality of service by the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission.

Earlier this month AAL also won two awards at the annual Property Council of Australia Shopping Centre Awards for SA in the categories of 'Retail Property Award for Environmental Innovation' and 'Retail Property Award for Excellence in Marketing - Marketing Campaign'.