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ADELAIDE AIRPORT'S CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Adelaide Airport's property landscape has changed dramatically over the past decade, and not just as a result of the new domestic and international terminal, T1.

It may have taken close to 50 years to move from the airport's temporary 'tin shed' terminal to a new facility, but the pace of on-airport development has since picked up considerably.

Adelaide Airport Ltd (AAL) Managing Director, Phil Baker, said very strong passenger growth in recent years meant the company was already embarking on significant infrastructure projects to keep up with customer demand.

"When the new terminal was completed in 2005, we set ourselves ambitious passenger forecasts looking ahead to 2015. We reached those targets in less than half that time, so we've needed to revise our timelines for further infrastructure plans," Mr Baker said.

"For example, we've now started construction of a new multi-level car park, pedestrian plaza and associated road network. The \$100 million project will more than double the size of the existing short-term car park, with five levels providing short-term parking for 2,000 public and car rental vehicles.

"We also have plans in place to expand the Terminal 1 building to cater for the growth in domestic and international traffic."

Complementing this work, construction of Airservices Australia's new state-of-the-art air traffic control tower is nearing completion.

Away from the terminals precinct, construction has started this month on a new office complex to be exclusively leased to the Australian Federal Police.

Mr Baker said investment in commercial property development was a very important part of AAL's business.

"The AFP building is the latest in a number of recent on-airport developments. These developments and commercial leasing opportunities significantly contribute to our ability to upgrade our core infrastructure," Mr Baker said.

"We've recently seen the completion of the 18,000 square metre Manuele Engineering steel fabrication complex in the Morphett Precinct, and Boart Longyear has moved into its new office and technological warehouse in Burbridge Business Park.

“Commercial property opportunities at the airport are popular because of the excellent multiple transport links and close proximity to the CBD.”

Adelaide Airport continues to make a significant contribution to the growth of South Australia’s economy. More than 8000 people are directly employed as a result of Adelaide Airport activities, of which approximately 5,200 work within the airport precinct, making it the largest single site employment precinct in the State.

Activities associated with the airport contribute to 2.3 per cent of South Australia’s Gross State Product, compared with 1 per cent in 1998.