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## **CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY ON ADELAIDE AIRPORT'S NEW MULTI-LEVEL CAR PARK**

Development of Adelaide Airport's new multi-level car park and pedestrian plaza is under way, with construction company Watpac Construction SA, a wholly owned subsidiary of Watpac Limited, commencing works this week.

Construction of the \$100 million project will take place throughout this year, with the new car park opening to the public in May 2012.

The first works have commenced on Adelaide Airport's road system, which will be realigned to cater for the new development.

The development, which will more than double the size of the existing short-term car park, will have five levels to provide short-term parking for 2,000 public and car rental vehicles and is expected to facilitate approximately 7,000 vehicle entries per day.

Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) Managing Director, Phil Baker, says the new development will benefit travellers and visitors by providing improved facilities and more efficient access.

"In addition to short-term parking, the new multi-level car park and pedestrian plaza will include facilities for rental cars, taxi pick-up, bus parking, food and beverage outlets and small retail outlets," Mr Baker says.

"The car park will provide safe and secure access to T1 via a pedestrian plaza. The passenger pick-up and drop-off points will be located in a port cochere beneath the new car park, and a link bridge between T1 and the car park is also planned, subject to Federal ministerial approval."

The car park will be positioned approximately 50 metres north-west of T1 (Terminal 1). The pedestrian plaza is between the new car park and T1, roughly the location of the existing short-term car park.

The project represents Watpac's first building construction job in South Australia, where the company has undertaken civil infrastructure projects for many years.

The project will have a significant economic benefit. The construction phase of the project will directly and indirectly create 596 jobs, generating an economic benefit of \$87.2 million per annum.

Once operational, the direct and indirect employment benefit will be 87 jobs per year with an economic benefit of \$12.8 million per annum.

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During construction, Adelaide Airport has arrangements in place for customers to park in a temporary car park to the west of T1 during periods of peak demand. Temporary road diversions will take effect from April 2011.

AAL will be doing everything it can during the construction period to minimise the impact on customers. However, given the nature of the project, it is inevitable there will at times be minor delays due to traffic diversions, or if customers are directed to the temporary car park.

AAL will regularly update its website to advise of anticipated disruptions to assist our customers as much as possible – go to [www.adelaideairport.com.au](http://www.adelaideairport.com.au).