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ADELAIDE AIRPORT ROAD CHANGES AHEAD OF AIRCRAFT PARKING EXPANSION

Part of Adelaide Airport's road system will change from Thursday 24 April to allow for the expansion of the southern apron area to the south west of Terminal 1.

The expansion will add approximately 20,000 square metres of space to the southern apron, and will create additional parking for an additional four aircraft. The project will see the airside boundary fence shift 70 metres to the south-west of its current location.

A section of the Sir Richard Williams Avenue one-way loop road, which currently services the long term car park and Qantas Freight, will be permanently closed. Another section of the loop road will become a two-way road to provide access to facilities in this area.

Adelaide Airport Ltd Executive General Manager Airport Operations, Vince Scanlon, said additional signage is being installed to assist motorists with the new road re-alignment.

Mr Scanlon said the majority of motorists, who use the short term car park and pick-up / drop-off zone, will be unaffected by the change. Taxi and bus services will also be unaffected.

"We are expanding the southern apron in response to recent and forecast increases in the number of flights, particularly international services, landing at Adelaide Airport," Mr Scanlon said.

"The southern apron expansion will largely cater for aircraft that are 'laying over' for a longer period of time between arrivals and departures. Moving these aircraft to the southern apron, once passengers have disembarked, then frees up more space at the terminal gates for other in-bound aircraft.

"We have longer term plans to expand Terminal 1 to meet continued growth, but for now this extra parking space will provide greater flexibility in managing arrivals and departures."

Customers and airport staff who will be affected by the road re-alignment include those using the staff car park, long term car park, Qantas Freight, Air Traffic Control Tower and General Aviation Terminal.

Adelaide Airport is Australia's fastest growing airport for international services, with a 21.5 per cent increase in passenger numbers in the December quarter. In the past six months the airport has welcomed inaugural international flights by Jetstar to Bali and Auckland, and by AirAsia X to Kuala Lumpur.