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Old international terminal building to be demolished

Adelaide Airport's original international terminal building will be demolished to make way for new development including a new taxi drop off zone and a forecourt for the Atura Hotel. It will also provide room for future proposed terminal expansion works.

The old international terminal building was replaced by the current terminal in 2005. Since then it has solely been used for REX passenger arrivals.

The demolition of the building, expected to start this week, will create space for a new dedicated taxi drop off facility adjacent the main terminal. This will provide an alternative to the existing drop-off zone under the car park – significantly freeing up space for other drivers.

Meanwhile, the hotel forecourt construction works are part of the new seven-storey hotel being developed under EVENT's multi award-winning Atura brand. It will feature a restaurant and bar, a business centre, flexible function and meeting spaces plus a port-cochere for guest drop off and collection. A walkway will directly link the hotel with the airport's Level 2 domestic and international check-in area.

Adelaide Airport Managing Director, Mark Young, said the new facilities would significantly improve the customer experience for departing passengers and hotel guests.

"Creating a new dedicated taxi drop facility adjacent the terminal frees up space in our existing drop-off zone for other users. We've spent more than \$8 million on taxi facilities over the past decade and we're now investing a further \$4 million in new facilities," Mr Young said.

"Regarding the hotel - many of our customers have indicated they would welcome the convenience of an airport hotel to enable catching early morning flights after meetings or conferences. We're looking forward to welcoming the first guests later this year."

The demolition works will see arriving REX passengers bussed to the northern entrance of the main terminal from Tuesday (13 February), with luggage collection in the main domestic baggage hall.

Mr Young said the old international building held fond and not-so-fond memories for many travellers.

"The opening of the original international terminal in 1982 heralded the arrival of the first international flights to Adelaide," he said.

"It was always meant to be a temporary facility with just the one aerobridge, and was variously described as 'utilitarian' and 'a tin shed'. It quickly outgrew itself but it took another 23 years before it was replaced by the current terminal.

"It has played a key role in South Australia's aviation history, but we're excited that we're moving on to bigger and better things for our customers.

OLD INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL BUILDING – FAST FACTS

- Construction started 31 May 1982
- Opened 2 November 1982
- First international arrival on 2 November: Qantas QF18 (Boeing 747B) en route to Melbourne from London and Singapore
- First international departure on 4 November: Qantas flight to Auckland
- Number of aircraft bays: 2
- Number of aerobridges: 1
- New (existing) terminal opened October 7, 2005