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Next phase of Adelaide Airport terminal expansion begins

Adelaide Airport customers will start to notice significant changes within the terminal as the next phase of the terminal expansion project begins.

Hoardings are going up along the main concourse adjacent the area previously occupied by Hudsons Coffee, MAC Cosmetics and Victoria's Secret. The children's play area will be closed and a new, improved play area is being developed as part of the project.

Some existing retailers, including Hudsons Coffee, MAC and Seed, have temporarily moved to new locations and pop-up stores.

Adelaide Airport Executive General Manager Finance & Corporate, Brenton Cox, said construction work within the existing terminal structure will significantly narrow the thoroughfare between the security checkpoint and gates 10 to 16 – these are the gates to the left of security towards the 'city-end' of the terminal. The international departures entry point does not change during this construction phase.

"Customers will still have direct access to all gates, but it's likely to lead to a bit more congestion particularly during peak times along the concourse," Mr Cox said.

"For domestic flights departing from Gate 19, customers will no longer be able to walk straight through from the main concourse past the Coopers Bar and will instead will need to access the gate from the southern end of the main concourse via Gate 20.

"We'd like to thank our customers for their patience and understanding as these construction works continue.

"Once completed, our expanded terminal will provide significantly more space, particularly for international travellers and for retail shopping and dining. We recognise there will be some unavoidable disruption for travellers in the short term, but we think the end result will be exciting for all of our customers."

The terminal expansion will see a complete refurbishment of retail areas, resulting in a more than 80 per cent increase in the overall size of the terminal's retail and dining precinct across domestic and international areas. The presence of a number of iconic South Australian brands as well as the ultimate location of the Vickers Vimy aircraft within the ground floor of the main terminal will deliver a real sense of place for passengers.

Virgin Australia will also be opening an expanded lounge next year offering an exciting new experience for its customers.

International upgrades will include a second, longer baggage belt for arrivals, more space for emigration and immigration processing, expanded security screening, a larger duty-free precinct for arrivals and departures, and expanded dining and retail options.