



Hobart Airport
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Hobart Airport welcomes Coalition Commitment to secure the future of ABF

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Hobart Airport has today welcomed the Federal Coalition's commitment to secure the presence of the Australian Border Force within the existing footprint at the airport until 2029.

Hobart Airport Chief Financial and Commercial Officer Kate Gillies said this was a critical commitment to the airport's future and plans for expansion.

"Hobart Airport is Tasmania's most popular gateway to the state and the presence of the Australian Border Force is an integral part of this," Ms Gillies said.

Established as part of the City Deal in 2019, securing ABF's presence to 2029 aligns with our plans for continued growth.

"Since Trans-Tasman flights commenced in 2021 more than 80,000 international passengers have been processed at Hobart Airport, a testament to the ABF and our broader team too.

"As we near completion of our \$130 million project to upgrade our runway for direct international flights to Asia the role of the ABF will be even more important.

"Direct international flights to Hobart boost tourism, trade and our reputation as the Antarctic gateway, and we can't do any of this without the ABF.

"Hobart Airport is committed to investing in the expansion of Hobart Airport, to deliver more space, more choice and more jobs for Tasmanians. This includes \$130 million in the runway upgrade, \$200 million to double the size of the terminal and \$20 million for the carparks, forecourt and road network.

"I want to thank the Coalition, Senator Jonno Duniham, Senator Claire Chandler and others who have worked to secure this commitment.

"I now look forward to working with Federal Labor to secure their commitment to the vitally important presence of the ABF at Hobart Airport."

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