



Discussing the Gladstone Airport Runway Reconstruction Project and the upgrade and extension of the Gladstone Airport Terminal are (from left) Federal Member for Flynn Chris Trevor, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Anthony Albanese, Gladstone Regional Council CEO Graeme Kanofski and Mayor George Creed.

## Gladstone Airport terminal upgrade gets \$5.5m funding

Gladstone Regional Council has welcomed a commitment by the Federal Government of \$5.5 million for the Gladstone Airport Terminal Upgrade Project.

Mayor George Creed said the recent funding commitment made by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Anthony Albanese at Gladstone Airport recognised the significance the Federal Government placed on the Gladstone Airport to the future prosperity of the Gladstone Region.

"On behalf of a grateful Gladstone Regional community, I congratulate and thank the Rudd Federal Government, Minister Albanese and Federal Member for Flynn Chris Trevor for their foresight in investing in critical infrastructure in regional Australia," Cr Creed said.

"With the Gladstone region standing on the verge of another wave of industrial development, with some \$65 billion worth of projects earmarked for the region, there is no doubt

that governments at all levels need to invest in visionary infrastructure."

Cr Creed said the Gladstone Airport Terminal Upgrade Project would cost \$5.5 million and be additional to the \$65 million already committed by Council for the Gladstone Airport Runway Project.

"These airport terminal improvements are critical to the overall reconstruction project as they will enable larger aircraft to bring more passengers to a growing Gladstone industrial centre."

He said the work involved upgrading and expanding the terminal facility to accommodate increased passenger numbers safely and efficiently.

"The redeveloped terminal building will offer passengers the type of facility now expected of a modern, regional airport." The project is expected to create between 70 and 80 jobs and be completed by November this year.



Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Anthony Albanese announces \$5.5 million in funding.



## Airport Update

### Terminal:

- Work is due to commence on the eastern terminal extension and is expected to be completed by November 2010.

### Runway:

- Stage 3 completion due mid May.
- Briffney Creek culvert upstream and downstream protection works were completed in March.
- Reconstruction of taxiway leading to the upper apron was completed in March.
- Stage 4 the central western and final section of runway reconstruction will commence in May for completion in August. This section will involve some night work to allow aircraft operations during the day. Other works during this stage include a drainage upgrade to alleviate flooding and reconstruction of taxiway Delta and the remaining section of taxiway Alpha to the existing General Aviation parking apron.
- Callemondah Drive relocation: All works are programmed for completion in June (weather permitting).

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