

# Media release

## Airside projects get finishing touch

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The finishing touches are being applied to two major airside developments that will improve terminal access for passengers embarking and disembarking from aircraft at Newcastle Airport.

This week, the new airside undercover walkway connecting the eastern apron (tarmac) with the terminal building was completed and officially put to use by passengers. The walkway replicates the look and feel of the landside structure that connects the terminal building with the car parks, providing passengers with a safe walkway from tarmac to terminal.

Newcastle Airport CEO, Paul Hughes, said the completion of the airside undercover walkway finalises the eastern apron expansion project, which doubled the capacity of jet aircraft the Airport can handle on the ground at one time.

Linemarking works are currently underway as the apron rehabilitation directly in front of the terminal enters its final stages. The \$4 million project is now only weeks away from completion. The project was undertaken to improve the strength of the old infrastructure.

“Once opened the rehabilitated apron space will assist and speed-up passenger facilitation between aircraft and terminal; offering passengers an improved connection when embarking or disembarking from flights.”

“Along with the airside undercover walkway project, the completion of the apron rehabilitation offers passengers an improved connection between their aircraft and the terminal building.

“I would like to thank our customers for their patience and support during the upgrades as we continue to improve the level of service and facilities available,” Paul concluded.

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