

Media release

Airport ready to deliver on Regional Plan

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Newcastle Airport has welcomed the NSW Government's 2036 Hunter Regional Plan and has already put in place strategies that will see the Airport add value to key directions and regional outcomes.

Following an Airport Board meeting on Friday 21 October, CEO, Dr Peter Cock, outlined the organisation's further commitment to providing the Hunter and its neighbouring regions with facilities and services that support regional opportunities and enhance connectivity as a Global Gateway.

"As one of the region's critical transport and aviation gateways, Newcastle Airport is determined to work collaboratively to enhance opportunities for growth and diversity in the Hunter region," Peter said.

"As a business, we employ a team committed to taking the region's airport on a journey. To do this, we understand our position within the region and are well-positioned to align with the Government's Plan. This will build upon existing partnerships and create new foundation partnerships that support a much broader approach to catering for a wider range of stakeholders.

"Part of this process is about informing the planning and implementation process by working with the region to build more robust visitor economies, business and community diversification.

"Perhaps most importantly, the Airport is well on its way to connecting the region to more domestic and international destinations by increasing routes to and from Newcastle Airport.

"The Airport applauds the directions outlined in the Plan and congratulates the Government on its work to date.

"We look forward to working with the Government and other regional stakeholders to adopt a wider approach to supporting communities, managing, promoting and expanding our assets and creating opportunities that build capability in the region to attract further investment and growth," Peter said.

Newcastle Airport recorded an 8% increase on monthly passenger throughput in September 2016 against the same month last year. It has an annual passenger turnover of almost 1.2 million to 10 destinations along the eastern seaboard and connections the region internationally through hub airports Brisbane and Melbourne.

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