

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Linking common sense Badgerys Creek Airport

The Australasian Railway Association (ARA) is pleased to see consideration by the Federal Government in planning to build Sydney's second Airport at Badgerys Creek with a rail line linking to the CBD.

"The rail industry cannot stress enough the importance of including a rail line from the start of the construction of the Airport; it is critical to the future viability of the entire project. A rail plan presenting options is a common sense approach - rail is the vital link, enabling people to move in and out of the Airport safely and efficiently," said Danny Broad, Chief Executive Officer of the Australasian Railway Association.

"It's pleasing to see the Federal Government now considering rail options for Badgerys Creek Airport, while establishing a new partnership with the NSW Government. Government must collaborate with industry to ensure the long term viability of the Airport, namely through a robust and efficient transport system.

"The Australasian Railway Association is supportive of the construction of a second airport for Sydney to not only cater for its population, which is expected to grow by almost 6 million by 2031, but also for the millions of tourists visiting the city every year. Planning of a project of such significance must include rail options to support not only the Airport, but the surrounding growth areas," said Mr Broad.

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