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### Adelaide Airport scores gold for going green

Adelaide Airport is set to reduce potable water consumption in its main terminal by 50 per cent – or 10 million litres a year - with the connection of cooling towers to the airport's stormwater scheme.

The initiative has already secured Adelaide Airport gold status for water management in results announced last week by ACI (Airport Councils International) Asia-Pacific. It's the fourth year in a row the airport has secured gold or platinum status in the region for its sustainability measures.

In 2015 a managed aquifer recharge scheme was constructed by local utility provider, SA Water with the support of Adelaide Airport. The stormwater scheme has the capacity to capture, store and distribute up to 270 million litres of treated stormwater each year from Brownhill-Keswick Creek for use on and around Adelaide Airport.

The Terminal 1 cooling towers have now been connected to the stormwater scheme via a pipeline that also connects with the multi-level car park's underground stormwater tank.

Adelaide Airport Managing Director, Mark Young, said climatic trends, uncertainty with respect to South Australia's long-term water availability, increasing demand linked to airport growth, water security concerns and rising supply costs has led to water resources emerging as a priority for the airport.

"We aim to be a top tier airport in our region, and our sustainability initiatives are a key part of that," Mr Young said.

"With irrigation and toilet flushing already connected to the recycled water network, the Terminal 1 cooling towers represented a key opportunity to further reduce our potable water use."

The Green Airports Recognition program was established by ACI Asia-Pacific with the support of ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Environment Committee. The Recognition's objective is to promote environmental best practices to minimise aviation's impact on the environment and to recognise ACI Asia-Pacific airport members who have outstanding accomplishments in their environmental projects.

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