

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Parafield Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan released**

Parafield Airport has released its 2024 Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) highlighting its plans for sustainable development and job creation.

The Master Plan provides a vision for the development of the Parafield Airport for the next 20 years with a detailed focus on the next 8 years.

Parafield Airport Executive General Manager, Tom Ganley, said the airport played an essential role in the economic prosperity and development of Northern Adelaide and South Australia through creating jobs and supporting businesses.

“Since 2016, total employment (direct and indirect) as a result of airport activities has increased by 5 per cent to 2,570 jobs. By 2043 it is forecast to reach 6,878 jobs,” Mr Ganley said.

“Our economic contribution to the State since the previous Master Plan has increased by \$92m (35 per cent) to \$354.8m. By 2043 we forecast our contribution to increase to \$740 million.

“Being one of the most significant business, training and employment precincts in the northern suburbs, Parafield Airport is a major economic generator and takes a strong leadership role in the community.

“We provide support where it will generate a lasting benefit and assists the northern region through partnerships relating to the environment, community, business and tourism.”

Aircraft movement forecasting has been undertaken for a range of scenarios which recognise the need for adaptability in planning to meet the changing environment.

The Master Plan indicates the forecast for aircraft movements in 20 years (2043) has not changed significantly from the forecasts outlined in the 2017 Master Plan.

“Parafield Airport’s proximity to the surrounding suburbs means that careful planning and consultation is required to ensure that the aviation considerations of the airport are protected, while also ensuring that operational requirements are balanced with the community’s needs,” Mr Ganley said.

“We will continue to look at ways to minimise the impact of aircraft noise on local communities by working with the training schools, Airservices Australia and local councils, while always having regard to the safety of flying operations.

“We are a sector leader in global airport sustainability and committed to sustainable business practices to ensure a healthy and safe environment for our employees, aviation partners, tenants and the community.

“The industry has seen exciting recent advancements in aviation sustainability such as in the development of electric aircraft and in sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) which will contribute to achieving targeted net zero emissions by 2050.”

The 2024 Parafield Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan is now on public display for a period of 60 business days.

Written submissions can be made in writing to Parafield Airport Ltd by email – PALmasterplan2024@aal.com.au or post to Building 18, Tigermoth Lane, Parafield Airport 5106.

All submissions must be received by the closing date of Thursday 4 April 2024.

Copies of the Master Plan can be viewed at Parafield Airport and City of Salisbury offices, or on the website at [www.parafieldairport.com.au](http://www.parafieldairport.com.au).