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Attached are releases from Perth Airport and Qantas regarding the Qantas domestic terminal upgrade.

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## Perth Airport welcomes Qantas domestic terminal upgrade

Today's announcement that Qantas plans to invest around \$50 million upgrading its Perth domestic terminal was welcomed by Westralia Airports Corporation, the operator of Perth Airport.

Commenting on the announcement, Perth Airport CEO Brad Geatches said that the announcement by Qantas that it is proceeding to upgrade its domestic terminal demonstrates Qantas' continuing commitment to Western Australia.

"Qantas clearly recognises that Western Australia is one of its strongest growth markets and a vital part of its global network.

"Passenger traffic at Perth's domestic terminals has nearly doubled over the past 5 years to more than 5 million passengers each year, with the majority passing through the Qantas terminal.

"The improvements announced today will significantly enhance the passenger experience at Perth Airport."

Mr Geatches said that Perth Airport is Western Australia's most important infrastructure asset.

"In addition to the new investment announced by Qantas, Perth Airport will be investing close to \$19 million in a number of upgrades to improve both passenger service levels and aviation business efficiency. This includes 1,300 extra car parking bays, which will be progressively opened over the next few weeks; improving the pick-up and drop-off facilities at the front of the terminals; and upgrading essential aircraft handling infrastructure so that larger aircraft can be handled more efficiently.

"The capital works being implemented by Perth Airport will complement the exciting plans Qantas has announced for its domestic terminal. These changes will significantly improve the capacity and customer experience at Perth Airport. We will continue to work with Qantas to find ways of improving the airport experience of its domestic travellers.

Mr Geatches said that the plans announced by Qantas marked the beginning of an exciting phase at Perth Airport and came on top of recent announcements by the State Government that it was considering a passenger rail link to the airport.

"We are now undertaking detailed planning to ensure that Perth Airport is well placed to handle the continuing high levels of demand being experienced for aviation services in Western Australia. As custodian of vital public infrastructure, Westralia Airports Corporation is committed to continuing to improve the levels of customer service at Perth Airport.

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# Media Release

## **QANTAS TO UPGRADE PERTH DOMESTIC TERMINAL**

**PERTH, 21 August 2007:** Qantas announced today it would undertake a \$50 million program of improvements to its domestic terminal at Perth Airport with work to commence by the end of 2007.

Qantas Executive General Manager Services Curtis Davies said the changes would provide enhanced facilities for passengers, aircraft and baggage services, and ensure the terminal was able to meet growing demand.

“Perth has experienced strong domestic passenger growth for a number of years due to Western Australia’s economic growth and the strong performance of the resources sector,” Mr Davies said.

“This has placed pressure on the airport’s infrastructure and Qantas has been working with Westralia Airports Corporation (WAC) to ensure our facilities are able to cater for short to medium term needs.

“We are also working with WAC to identify sustainable long-term development requirements for the airport.”

Mr Davies said Qantas’ improvements would include:

- expansion of the existing check-in area for departing passengers;
- installation of additional QuickCheck kiosks;
- a new security screening area to allow faster, smoother passenger flow;
- expansion of the departure lounge
- an upgrade and expansion of the Qantas Club lounge facilities;
- additional checked baggage screening facilities and improved baggage handling capacity; and
- expansion of the baggage reclaim area.

Mr Davies said to alleviate peak period aircraft parking issues, Qantas would construct a new aerobridge and upgrade a bay to provide additional wide-body aircraft parking capacity.

He said the Qantas enhancements would be undertaken in collaboration with WAC, which was also undertaking a range of improvements to facilities under its control.

“As these improvements are completed, the Qantas domestic terminal will look better and work more effectively for our customers by providing a more efficient and enjoyable airport experience,” Mr Davies said.

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**Qantas Domestic Terminal Perth Airport**  
**Conceptual Aerial Image**



**Conceptual New Security Area**



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## Conceptual Ground Floor Draft Plan

