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Alice Springs Airport **MASTER PLAN & ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY** Preliminary Draft 2009

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SUMMARY
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WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN?

The *Airports Act 1996* (the Act) and other regulations under the Act (the Regulations) stipulate the requirements for the management and operation of Alice Springs Airport (ASA). The Act requires that ASA prepare a 20 year Master Plan to guide development of existing and proposed airport land uses and facilities. The Master Plan remains in force for a 5 year period, and thus is reviewed every 5 years.

WHAT IS AN AIRPORT ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY?

The *Airports Act 1996* also requires that Alice Springs Airport prepare an Airport Environment Strategy (AES), which is a five year strategic plan for the environmental management of operations at the Airport. Its purpose is to ensure relevant environmental standards and legislation is adhered to and establishes a framework for assessing environmental compliance against the standards and legislation. The strategy also guides continual improvement to environmental management across the airport.

The Airport Environment Strategy is relevant to all operations on airport, including both aviation and non-aviation related activities.

MASTER PLAN AND AIRPORT ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION PROCESS

In developing the 2009 Preliminary Draft Master Plan (PDMP) and the Airport Environment Strategy (AES), ASA has undertaken consultation with government agencies, airlines, general aviation, airport businesses, as well as community groups to scope the major issues. The PDMP and AES are available for the community to view and provide comment on during the 60-business-day public comment period. The public comment period is envisaged to run from early August 2009 to late October 2009 (details on www.alicespringsairport.com.au)

ACCESS TO THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT MASTER PLAN AND AIRPORT ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

- Copies of the PDMP and AES will be available from the Alice Springs Airport Management Centre (Santa Teresa Road, Alice Springs, NT 0870) and on www.alicespringsairport.com.au;
- Copies of the PDMP and AES will be available for viewing at the Alice Springs library; and
- Public Display at the airport.

Additionally, there will be advance consultation prior to the official comment period under the *Airports Act* through Public Display and face to face consultation at the Alice Springs Show 3-4 July 2009.

HOW TO COMMENT ON THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT MASTER PLAN AND THE AIRPORT ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

Written comments on the PDMP and AES are welcome and must be submitted by **late October 2009** (refer to the website for the exact date) as follows:

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All comments received will be carefully considered by Alice Springs Airport (ASA). As required under the *Airports Act 1996*, ASA will provide a copy of all comments to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and a summary of comments made. ASA will also demonstrate that it has had due regard to those comments in preparing the Draft Master Plan and Airport Environment Strategy that are submitted to the Minister.

