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WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT PLAN COMPLETES PRE-FLIGHT CHECKS, NOW FOR THE WHO AND THE HOW

The Western Sydney Airport planning approvals represent the most significant progress in the decades-long process to develop a new airport for Sydney, says [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](http://www.infrastructure.org.au).

“Western Sydney Airport is one of the biggest projects planned in Australia and done well it will create massive benefits for Sydney and for Australia,” said Brendan Lyon, IPA’s Chief Executive.

“This is solid progress that begins to make the Western Sydney Airport a real project, and it’s a credit to Paul Fletcher that he’s driven it this far.

“The bipartisan support for the Airport has been a welcome aspect that has calmed community concern and put real momentum behind the project.

“With the ‘where’ and the ‘what’ now finally resolved, it’s logical to turn to the ‘who’ and the ‘how’.

“WSA is a massive undertaking with potential risks to taxpayers and to the wider economy, depending on the delivery model.

“A new airport is a complex undertaking and we need to learn the lessons from Melbourne’s Avalon airport, which is yet to prosper.

“We look forward to further detail from Canberra about the delivery approach and funding models for this massive and important piece of national infrastructure.”

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