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### AIRPORT REGULATION IS ALREADY WORKING

The current regulatory approach for airports is already working for customers and generating substantial private investment in airport infrastructure, says industry think tank [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](#).

“The Productivity Commission has consistently argued that the current approach to airport regulation is fit for purpose,” said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia CEO, Adrian Dwyer.

“Airports are core economic assets and anything we do to disrupt the well-balanced regulatory environment risks jeopardising their planned \$20 billion decade-long investment program.

“Unnecessary changes to airport regulation would only serve to further escalate the already elevated levels of infrastructure investor uncertainty that has emerged in recent years.

“A separate, independent arbitration of disputes between the airlines and airports would hold up investment, hurt customers, and simply lead to prolonged and inefficient negotiations.

“The Productivity Commission’s draft report was right in observing this process would be ‘time-consuming and financially costly’.

“The current regulation is serving the needs of the travelling public, so it doesn’t make sense to change what’s already working.

“In determining its response to the Productivity Commission, we urge the Federal Government to ensure the benefits of the current light-handed regulatory regime are upheld,” Mr Dwyer said.

Infrastructure Partnerships Australia is the nation’s leading infrastructure think tank, providing independent policy research focused on excellence in social and economic infrastructure.

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