

Media release

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Transformation of Perth Airport begins to ramp up

The first tangible sign that Perth Airport is being transformed for the future will get underway next month with WA company Perkins Builders awarded the contract to replace the stairs and single head aerobridges with new ramps and lifts at Terminal 1 International's gates 52, 53 and 54.

No longer will international travellers face the inconvenience of having to walk down stairs to get to their flights with the new aerobridges set to deliver greater efficiency for airline partners and a vastly improved boarding experience for passengers.

Perth Airport CEO Kevin Brown said the project is a significant moment in the future transformation of the airport.

"We are excited to see this project get underway with Perkins Builders, a long-standing Western Australian builder. Perkins has worked with us on a number of projects over the past seven years and we look forward to seeing this project through with them," Mr Brown said.

"This next wave of investment gives us the chance to fix the problem as we upgrade the international terminal and bring all flight services into one central aviation hub, delivering an airport that has the amenity, capacity and efficiency to deliver passengers a seamless, quality travel experience," Mr Brown said.

"The construction of the ramps and lifts will be delivered in stages with one gate at a time decommissioned for about four to five months.

Construction will start in March 2020 and is scheduled to be completed by June 2021.

"Once completed, we know that not only our passengers will see the difference, but our airline partners will also benefit from greater efficiencies," he said.

The project will replace the current single head aerobridges with dual head aerobridges which will facilitate faster turnaround times and an improved product for airline partners operating from those gates.

Perkins Group General Manager Darryl Lathwell said they are very happy to be working on another project with Perth Airport.

"Perkins has already completed a number of projects at Perth Airport over the last seven years so we understand the airport environment and the complexities of working airside.

"We know we can deliver a high-quality result for the airport and the Western Australian community and we are looking forward to partnering again with our long-standing client."

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