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Airservices continues Pacific airspace cooperation up to 2023

Australia's air traffic management provider, Airservices, has renewed long-term partnerships with the Republic of Nauru and the Solomon Islands Government to provide air traffic management in the Pacific.

This will see Airservices continue to provide upper air navigation services until 2023 in Nauru and until 2018 in the Solomon Islands, while both Pacific nations will continue to manage their own lower airspace.

Airservices has provided 24-hour air traffic control guidance and separation to flights at or above 24 500 feet in both the Nauru and Solomon region from its Brisbane Centre for the past ten years.

Chief Executive Officer, Margaret Staib, said Airservices welcomed the chance to continue to partner with Nauru and the Solomon Islands to provide air navigation services in our region.

"We have collaborated closely with Nauru and the Solomon Islands for the past decade to provide safe and efficient air traffic management in the Pacific," Ms Staib said.

"Airservices is recognised as a regional and global leader in the provision of air navigation services and these new agreements will allow us to continue to work in partnership to maximise the efficiency and safety of air travel within our region."

The agreements help deliver the International Civil Aviation Organisation's Asia Pacific Seamless Air Traffic Management plan by ensuring safe and efficient control of flights throughout the region.

The Pacific agreements also continue Australia's regional engagement on safety through targeted regulatory and air traffic management activities.

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