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Aviation industry focuses on demand, capacity and efficiency

The challenges presented by demand, capacity and efficiency in the Australian aviation industry were the key themes discussed today at Airservices annual industry consultation forum, Waypoint.

The forum, attended by Airservices key stakeholders, including airlines, airports, defence, policy makers and government, aims to create open dialogue on key industry issues.

In his opening address, Airservices Acting Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Clark, said that the organisation was focused on playing a key role with industry in meeting the challenges of unprecedented growth.

“We have been active in connecting with our stakeholders to address the demand and capacity issues currently facing the industry,” Mr Clark said.

“Aircraft manufacturers are predicting that almost 40,000 commercial aircraft will be flying in global skies in the next 20 years, or double the current fleet.”

Coupled with a 27 per cent increase within the fly-in, fly-out sector by 2017, Mr Clark said that Airservices was acting to manage this forecast increase in demand against existing capacity to prevent further congestion at airports and in our airspace.

“This includes delivering on initiatives that maximise efficiency within existing capacity constraints, including the implementation of arrivals and departures management as part of collaborative decision making, the continuation of the airport capacity enhancement program and enabling the wider use of new surveillance technologies.”

Among the key speakers at Waypoint 2012 were Mike Mrdak, Secretary, Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Neil Planzer, associate member representative from the Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) and Andrew Charlton, Managing Director Aviation Advocacy.

Among the panellists were Ron Brent, Aircraft Noise Ombudsman, and Martin Dolan, Chief Commissioner, Australian Transport Safety Bureau.

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