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FLIGHTS FROM WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT SET TO BOOST ACCOMMODATION

The nation's peak accommodation body has welcomed today's announcement that the first flights from Western Sydney International Airport will officially take off on October 25.

Accommodation Australia NSW GM Stacey McBride said the new airport, which will serve up to 10 million passengers annually, will provide a much-needed boost to hotels right across NSW.

"Western Sydney is now Australia's third-largest economy and home to half of the city's population," said Ms McBride.

"The airport will showcase this vibrant area and its hotels, as well as bring more visitors into the Sydney CBD and the rest of NSW.

"After so many years in the planning it is exciting to see the dates in concrete and it couldn't come at a better time for accommodation hotels which are feeling the pinch from global uncertainty, the fuel crisis and general cost of living pressures."

Jetstar will operate the airport's first commercial passenger flight, from WSI to the Gold Coast on Sunday 25 October. They will operate up to 14 flights a week between WSI and Melbourne; four weekly flights to the Gold Coast and three weekly flights to Brisbane.

QANTAS will commence services from 28 March 2027, operating four flights per week to Brisbane and four flights per week to Melbourne. Freight operations start on 26 July.

Accommodation Australia CEO James Goodwin said more aviation access and capacity means more international tourists, more jobs in the accommodation sector and cheaper airfares for all.

"It really is simple – the more international tourists on the ground here in Sydney, the more secure jobs in the tourism and accommodation sectors," Mr Goodwin said.

"A new 24-hour airport obviously brings more capacity for new carriers to enter the Australian market, it's pretty small to start off but this can only be great news for tourism and the economy in general.

"It's not only good news for Sydney, but also for the rest of the country with the majority of international tourists often travelling to multiple states while on holiday down under."

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