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RAAA welcomes funding for regional airstrips.

The Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA) welcomes the latest round of funding for the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program (RAUP).

The Round 10 RAUP grants will deliver funds for vitally important upgrades at remote airstrips and certified aerodromes across Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales, and the Northern Territory.

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$3 million will deliver a range of safety focussed works at twenty-one airstrips to ensure ongoing access for remote and regional communities across Australia.

“The RAAA would like to acknowledge the ongoing investment by government in remote and regional aerodromes. The continued safe operations of our member companies for the benefit of the regional communities they serve is of the utmost importance”, says RAAA CEO Rob Walker.

“From Balgo Hill in northwestern Australia to Ceduna in South Australia and to Lockhart River in far north Queensland these projects will make a huge difference to maintaining vital airstrip and aerodrome infrastructure”. Rob Walker said.

“This is a significant investment that ensures that regional and remote communities continue to have access to essential goods and services. Access to reliable aviation services must continue to be available for people living in regional Australia. The RAAA looks forward to the continued investment by government and their commitment to the RAUP in the years ahead.”

The Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA) is a not-for-profit organisation formed in 1980 to protect, represent and promote the combined interests of its regional aviation organisations across Australia.

The RAAA has approximately 125 members who directly employ over 10,000 people, mostly in regional areas. On an annual basis, the RAAA’s Air Operator Certificate (AOC) members jointly turnover more than \$1.5b, carry more than 2 million passengers and move over 23 million kilograms of freight.

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