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THE RAAA APPLAUDS ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUNDING GRANTED TO REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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The RAAA applauds the recent announcement by the Deputy Prime Minister, The Hon Michael McCormack, that \$100million is to be granted to regional airports to undertake essential airport infrastructure maintenance, is a much valued and necessary contribution to the regional aviation industry.

According to the Regional Aviation Association of Australia CEO, Mr Mike Higgins, "This is welcome news indeed as this vital funding will help in continuing to provide a safe operating environment for regional air services operating into and out of regional centres". Mr Higgins also said, "The RAAA has long argued that regional airports are essential transport infrastructure like roads and rail and should be treated the same way. This significant financial assistance will help regional airport owners to keep aircraft landing charges and head taxes to a reasonable level, resulting in sustainable and viable air services to the regions".

The RAAA represents aviation across Australia. We have around 100 members and our AOC members directly employ over 2,500 Australians, many in regional areas. On an annual basis, the RAAA's AOC members jointly turnover more than \$1.5b, carry well in excess of 2 million passengers and move over 23 million kilograms of freight.

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