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## Darwin Airport Draft Master Plan & Environment Strategy

Darwin International Airport today released its 2009 Draft Master Plan for public comment.

A Master Plan provides a 20 year planning view of aviation growth, land use, community impact, commercial development, runway requirements and the regional economic significance of an airport.

"This Draft Master Plan" Chief Executive Officer Ian Kew said "is underpinned by around \$1M worth of technical studies and extensive consultation with Airport stakeholders, including airlines, government, general aviation operators and other Airport business partners".

Mr Kew emphasized that Darwin International Airport was seeking public comment in order to have the best master plan possible for the aviation industry and wider Territory community. He highlighted that a 2009 Master Plan display would feature at the Royal Darwin Show to maximize its exposure to the Top End public.

"In terms of Gross State Product" Mr Kew stated "this Airport contributes 2% to total Northern Territory economic activity, and it is hence crucial that we hear what the public has to say about the future planning for this important Territory facility".

He encouraged Top End residents to visit the Darwin International Airport display in the Foskey Pavillion at the Show and provide their input to the Draft Master Plan.

Those interested in more detail can obtain that from the Airport website at [www.darwinairport.com.au](http://www.darwinairport.com.au).

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