



Nomination for **URBAN AWARD**

Kangaroo Island Airport Upgrade

Kangaroo Island, SA



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The Kangaroo Island Council prepared a detailed Business Case for improved runway and terminal facilities in 2012 with assistance of the Kangaroo Island Futures Authority (KIFA) and the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island. The Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund provided \$9 million, matched by the South Australian Government's commitment for a total project cost of \$18 million.

The upgrade was designed to meet the needs of Code 3 aircraft – typically 100-120 seat regional jets and turbo-prop aircraft suitable for operation of direct flight services from the Eastern Seaboard to Kangaroo Island. It was successful in not only upgrading the runway/airside facilities and constructing a new terminal but also attracting new and improved airline services and creating an entry statement for the Island.

This project is a significant game-changer for the Island in addressing the time, ease and cost of access challenges that have limited high-value visitation to the Island. A potential to fly upwards of 30,000 additional domestic passengers per year from east coast capital cities is expected, together with significant uplift in international visitation given the ability to more directly and cost effectively access the Island.

The Airport was constructed to promote environmentally sustainable development initiatives and to optimise use of power from the Council's existing 50KW Solar Icon Project, which delivers sustainable power to the airport for 90% of the day-to-day operations.