



Economic Transformation Airfreight Precinct

Our Ask

Investment of Stage two - \$1 million for Detailed Design for a Newcastle Airport International Air Cargo Terminal and enabling infrastructure for the Aerospace East Precinct.

Context

1. Stage one (complete) - Business Case.
 2. Stage two - \$1m for Detailed Design.
 3. Stage three - Construction (\$27m air cargo terminal and \$22m supporting infrastructure).
- We acknowledge the support being provided from the NSW Government to secure international airlines at Newcastle Airport.
 - To leverage the NSW Government investment, upgraded airfreight cargo capabilities at Newcastle Airport will help subsidise and expand international long-haul flights, increasing regional accessibility for both goods and passengers.
 - Nearly \$500 million in NSW exports are currently routed through Brisbane and Melbourne, highlighting a lack of sufficient air freight infrastructure in the Hunter region and NSW more broadly.
 - A Business Case has been completed for an Airfreight Precinct at Newcastle Airport, demonstrating job creation and a positive return on investment.
 - In the 2025/26 NSW budget, the Western Sydney Aerotropolis business precinct will receive \$835 million.
 - The Hunter region is undergoing an economic transformation with the expected downturn in export coal demand. We need to diversify our economy to remain a strong, resilient region.

