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Hervey Bay Airport runway renewal tender awarded

The refurbishment of the Hervey Bay Airport runway will start within weeks, with the Fraser Coast Regional Council awarding the tender to deliver the multi-million dollar project.

At its meeting this week, Council resolved to accept the tender from Fulton Hogan with the project to be delivered in four stages over the next nine months.

Deputy Mayor Darren Everard said the runway renewal was the single biggest capital works project in Council's 2019/20 budget and additional funding would be allocated within the 2020/21 budget to complete the project.

"The last major upgrade of the Hervey Bay Airport was almost 15 years ago when the runway was lengthened to allow for the introduction of jet services, so it's in need of a facelift," he said.

"The first stage of the project will improve lighting with the work expected to start within weeks and be completed by May.

"The subsequent stages are being done concurrently, and will involve reconstructing the runway pavement, rejuvenating the taxiway to the terminal used by daily commercial flights, and creating connectivity with the Avion precinct.

"With regular flights to and from Brisbane, Sydney and local tourism destinations carrying more than 180,000 passengers a year, it's vital the runway continues to meet the required national design and safety standards, and that's what this work is all about."

Cr Everard said Council was committed to minimising the impacts to the community, businesses and airport services while the work was carried out.

"The lighting upgrades will be done during the day while the runway renewal will happen at night meaning there should be minimal to no impact on commercial passenger flights," he said.

"All works will be monitored closely by Council and its external project managers with regular communication to occur with nearby residents and businesses.

"We thank everyone for their patience while this important work at the airport is carried out."

The Hervey Bay Airport runway renewal project is being supported by a \$9.19 million grant through the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund and is identified as one of the key projects in the Hinkler Regional Deal.

More details about the project and regular updates are available at <https://frasercoast.engagementhub.com.au/fraser-coast-airport-renewal-project-20192020>