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Federal Member for Newcastle

Media Alert

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Newcastle Airport

Grierson Welcomes New Brindabella Plane to Newcastle

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson will tomorrow officially welcome Brindabella Airlines' new J41 Jetstream Aircraft to Newcastle Airport.

The new J41 Aircraft, which commenced flying the Newcastle-Canberra route last week, has the capacity to carry 30 passengers and is the fastest and most fuel efficient in the Brindabella fleet.

Ms Grierson congratulated Brindabella, saying the move showed great faith in the future of Newcastle Airport. She also congratulated the many patrons of the service who had helped to build this from a 9 seat service to the new J41.

"The new aircraft gives Brindabella the capacity to carry an extra 9,000 passengers a year," Ms Grierson said.

"Canberra-Newcastle is a significant business and tourism route, and the new aircraft's arrival is great news for travellers and our regional economy."

"Having the J41 flying in and out of Newcastle is a significant development for our Airport."

"We already have the fastest growing regional airport in the country, and its continued development is vital for our region's future."

"Brindabella's investment shows great faith that this growth will continue, and rewards the loyalty shown to it by the many people who have used this service since 2003."

"I congratulate them on this very welcome initiative and look forward to Brindabella's continued growth and contribution to our region."

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