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## CHRISTCHURCH AIRPORT UNDERTAKES ANNUAL RUNWAY MAINTENANCE

Annual runway maintenance is being carried out at Christchurch Airport.

For operational and safety reasons the work is undertaken at night and is expected to be completed over the next four weeks. These works may lead to increased aircraft movements on the cross wind runway, so some people may experience increased levels of aircraft noise.

CIAL, Airways Corporation, airlines and the contractors involved are conscious of the impact these essential annual works have on our neighbours. We are doing our best to minimise the effects and appreciate our neighbours' patience and understanding.

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### **Christchurch International Airport – New Zealand's Tourism Gateway**

Christchurch International Airport welcomes almost six million passengers a year, ranking as New Zealand's second largest airport. The Airport occupies a unique position economically, as the South Island's busiest and most strategic air connection to the world's trade and tourism markets. In addition, the airport plays an important role as the South Island's major domestic hub servicing all New Zealanders, enabling passengers to connect to a full spectrum of destinations throughout New Zealand. Christchurch International Airport is a major driver of the regional Canterbury economy, generating airport precinct related jobs for nearly 5000 people.

Christchurch International Airport is owned and operated by Christchurch International Airport Limited (CIAL). CIAL was established as a limited liability company in 1988, and ownership of CIAL is now

shared by Christchurch City Holdings Limited with 75% and the New Zealand Government with 25%. The company's vision is to be recognised as New Zealand's leading tourist gateway.

Christchurch International Airport is a carbon neutral company and has received carboNZero certification from Landcare Research following a detailed measurement and analysis process. CIAL is the first airport company in the Southern Hemisphere to attain certified carbon neutral status and is the second carbon neutral certified airport company in the world.

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