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CASA STAMP FOR AUSTRALIA'S NEWEST AIRPORT

TOOWOOMBA, QLD: AUSTRALIA's peak aviation safety body has given Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport the green light for regular passenger transport (RPT).

In what is a major milestone for Australia's newest airport in 50 years, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority has approved Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport as a certified aerodrome.

Wagners chairman and the airport's developer John Wagner said he was extremely thrilled to be a step closer to seeing the airport operational.

"To have such an important component of the project ticked is a fantastic outcome and a credit to those who have been involved in the project on all levels," said Mr Wagner.

Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport has been closely monitored in aviation circles, particularly since it is the first ever privately-built, public airport in Australia.

Mr Wagner said the CASA certification process had been a 'work-in-progress' for the past 18 months and included ensuring runway specifications and airport procedures and training manuals were compliant.

"This is the first public airport to be built in Australia in 50 years, so it was particularly important for us as first-time airport developers to work closely with CASA to meet their stringent requirements," said Mr Wagner.

As part of the CASA certification, Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport will become a 'secure' airport on November 10 with the first official RPT Qantaslink flight scheduled for November 17.

Regional Express (REX) also will service the airport from January 1 2015, further cementing the new airport as the gateway to regional Queensland.

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