

BARA expands to support international airline members

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The Board of Airline Representatives of Australia (BARA) has expanded its team with the appointment of two new hires, Chloe Kirkpatrick and Lindsay Hermes, strengthening its capability to support international airline members at a time of renewed growth for the sector.

BARA Executive Director **Stephen Pearse** said the additional expertise would enhance BARA's advocacy, technical depth and engagement across industry, government and members. "These appointments reflect BARA's continued growth and our commitment to providing strong, informed representation for our airline partners," he said.

Chloe Kirkpatrick (Programme Director Airport Planning, Commercial & Facilitation) joins BARA with responsibility across airport planning, aeronautical policy, commercial frameworks and operational facilitation. She leads technical consultations between airlines, regulators and government, developing industry positions and submissions, and serves as BARA's technical lead on airport planning and operations. Chloe has experience across aviation and other regulated, infrastructure-intensive sectors, having previously held strategic advisory roles in the United Kingdom supporting government departments, airport operators and aviation organisations. She holds an MSci from Imperial College London, a Chartered Manager (ChMC) qualification and a Private Pilot Licence.

Lindsay Hermes (Programme Director Communications, Industry & Regulatory Affairs) joins to steer engagement with key stakeholders, including airline members, government, the media and other aviation-focused organisations. His responsibilities span communications strategy and delivery, government relations and public affairs, with a strong focus on advancing the reputation of the international aviation industry in Australia. Lindsay brings deep expertise in policy development and corporate affairs, with prior experience as a ministerial adviser to two Commonwealth Ministers, roles on major airport projects and senior positions within national industry associations. He holds a Bachelor of Arts, an MBA and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Stephen said the appointments would add a wide range of strategic communications, regulatory and technical strength to the organisation. *"Lindsay and Chloe bring highly complementary skills that will directly benefit our airline members,"* he said. *"Their experience and insight will help ensure BARA continues to be an effective and respected voice for international aviation in Australia."*

With the expanded team in place, BARA is well positioned to deepen collaboration with industry partners, contribute to policy development and support the sustainable growth of international aviation. The appointments underscore BARA's focus on capability, leadership and delivering tangible value to its airline members in a complex operating environment.

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