

BOARD OF AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIA

5 KEY POLICY PILLARS – JUNE 2026

ADVOCATING FOR OUR 40+ INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE MEMBERS



Economic Competitiveness for Airlines

The current light-handed economic regulation of Australian airports is not delivering the best outcome for consumers, as airfares must increase to incorporate ever-increasing costs of airport infrastructure, alongside a wave of additional increased operating costs. A more balanced approach with a pragmatic framework to commercial negotiations would enable BARA members to continue to grow services to Australia and provide more competition and choice for customers.



Balanced Consumer Protection

BARA is supportive of introducing minimum standards for aviation consumers when flights are delayed or cancelled. However, legislation must be proportionate, practical and affordable so that both consumers and international airlines can provide the desired levels of services and responses for consumers, but without imposing additional operational, safety or regulatory cost imposts that do not directly improve customer's aviation experience.



Balanced Accessibility Improvements

BARA supports measures to ensure air travel is an accessible and enjoyable experience for all passengers who may require additional assistance. It is critical that measures to deliver appropriate and balanced requirements are shared appropriately across all aviation stakeholders who interact to create the complete customer journey experience.



Australian Border Modernisation

As international air traffic continues to increase, the importance of embracing new technology to improve a seamless border is critical. First steps such as the replacement of the IPC (incoming passenger card) with the digital ATD (Australia Travel Declaration) for ALL international passengers is an overdue but critical action. Future visions for biometric border processes have to build from existing foundations. The PMC (Passenger Movement Charge) has now been increased twice in 3 years (by \$20 or 33% per passenger) to \$80 per passenger, without additional funding flowing through to develop critical border upgrades.



Sustainability and Fuel Costs

BARA supports the range of aviation-related sustainability measures being implemented in Australia. International carriers are the largest user group of Jet fuel in Australia. Over the next decade, the scaling of an Australian domestic SAF industry is as critical to support the ongoing growth of international aviation to Australia as it is to support Australia's domestic airlines.



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