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## **VOTE FOR THE DESIGN YOU WANT FOR WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT**

Four innovative concepts for the future design of Western Sydney Airport are now open for a public vote. The competition run by industry association Consult Australia brings together future industry leaders to provoke a broader discussion about what the public wants from the new airport.

State Manager for Consult Australia NSW, Alexia Lidas observed: "These four proposals provide fresh thinking on how this once in a lifetime, nation-building mega-project, can maximise its benefits for the community, business and government".

Some of the highlights include:

- A drive through airport, which processes planes like a carwash.
- A low environmental impact model with a "runway in the rough".
- An Aerotropolis creating an entertainment and business hub.
- An innovative terminal design integrating, renewable energy sources and a "green roof".
- A "Food Bowl" farmers market to offer passengers and visitors a taste of our exquisite food and fine wine.

"A Western Sydney Airport represents a rare opportunity. If the airport is going to be the game changer we need in Sydney, new thinking and smart planning is the key to ensure that the economic and social outcomes are maximised.

"We hope that through these four concept designs, we can inspire a bigger vision and a broader public debate about what design and planning options will achieve the best outcome for everyone."

Members of the public are able to view the proposals and vote online at: <http://www.consultaustralia.com.au/NSW>. The winner will be announced at a cocktail event on the evening of 13 November.

The Western Sydney Airport Design Competition is the culmination of six months work by teams of young professionals assembled as part of Consult Australia's FutureNet Business Leaders Course. Identified as the industry's future leaders, the four teams are multi-disciplinary including planners, architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, project managers and more.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2015 FutureNet Business Leaders Course, further details are available at [www.consultaustralia.com/FutureNet](http://www.consultaustralia.com/FutureNet)

### **Ends**

Friday, 24 October 2014

A large variety of high resolution images are available.

For further information, to arrange an interview, or RSVP to attend the award ceremony please contact NSW State Manager, Alexia Lidas on 0405 977 550 or via email at [alexia@consultaustralia.com.au](mailto:alexia@consultaustralia.com.au).

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## About Consult Australia

Consult Australia is the industry association that represents the business interests of consulting firms operating in the built and natural environment.

Our member firms include: AECOM, Brown Consulting, Kellogg Brown & Root, Opus International Consultants, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Rider Levett Bucknall, ARUP, URS Australia and WorleyParsons.

We represent an industry comprising some 48,000 firms across Australia, ranging from sole practitioners through to some of Australia's top 500 firms. Collectively, our industry is estimated to employ over 240,000 people, and generate combined revenue exceeding \$40 billion a year.



The FutureNet Business Leaders course is run by Consult Australia's young professional's leadership forum, FutureNet. Taking the best of the best from across the built and natural environment, the program draws together: architects; constructors; developers; engineers; financiers; infrastructure owners; lawyers; planners; project managers; and quantity surveyors.

- Over eight months the program covers topics such as: team leadership; innovation; negotiation and communication;
- The program concludes with a team task, which engages participants in developing and submitting a submission on a major infrastructure challenge;
- Following the submission, teams present to a judging panel of accomplished industry professionals; and
- The submission and the presentation are then assessed by the judging panel with an award being presented for the best overall submission.