

Boeing's Largest Asia Pacific Distribution Centre Boosts Australian Aviation Growth

- New Brisbane facility doubles local aviation spare parts inventory to keep customers' airplanes flying

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, June 29, 2022 - Boeing [NYSE: BA] is bolstering its investment in Australia's sovereign commercial and defence aviation industries with the opening of a new Brisbane Distribution Centre.

At the official opening ceremony today, Queensland Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development The Hon Di Farmer MP said, "Queensland is a well-known aviation hub in the Indo-Pacific region and Boeing's investment in Brisbane gives us a distinct advantage as the defence and aviation industries continue their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic."

The new facility at Murarrie, near Brisbane Airport, is the company's largest aircraft spare parts and chemicals distribution centre in the Asia Pacific region and is three times larger than the company's previous two Brisbane distribution facilities combined.

It can hold up to double the previous spare parts inventory and can receive 15 times more freight each day direct to Brisbane, instead of via Melbourne, meaning faster deliveries to keep commercial, defence, and business and general aviation airplanes flying, while reducing the carbon footprint of deliveries.

"This new facility will better connect our Australian and regional customers to the industry's most advanced distribution network, so they get the right parts and solutions, at the right place, at the right time," said Travis Sullivan, vice president and general manager of Boeing Distribution Services.

The Boeing Brisbane Distribution Centre co-locates the Brisbane operations of Boeing Distribution Australia Pty Ltd and Boeing Distribution Services Inc. Together, they deliver platform agnostic integrated supply chain solutions through a comprehensive range of aviation parts, chemicals and services for the commercial, business and general aviation, helicopter and defence markets.

The centre also features Boeing's only east coast ambient temperature chamber and large-scale freezer for the storage of chemicals, adhesives and sealants, eliminating the need for customers to store and maintain the correct inventory levels of these highly-sensitive items.

President of Boeing Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, Dr Brendan Nelson said the new facility will build resilience into Australia's sovereign defence and commercial aviation capability.

“Boeing is celebrating 95 years in Australia this year and, throughout that time, we’ve been dedicated to protecting Australia, its allies and its interests,” Dr Nelson said. “This centre, which holds a larger local inventory of high-demand products and the ability to quickly receipt and dispatch critical parts, will better protect our customers against global supply chain interruptions.

“By enhancing Australia’s sovereign aviation capability, we’re helping safeguard our customers’ operations and building much-needed capacity and resilience into our industry.”

Virgin Australia General Manager, Engineering Operations Darren Dunbier said the airline would greatly benefit from the close proximity of the new distribution centre to key maintenance facilities at Brisbane Airport.

“As a proud Queensland-based airline, we welcome Boeing’s significant investment in a modern facility in our home state which will enable us to service our existing aircraft with even greater efficiency and support our expanding fleet into the future.”

Boeing celebrates 95 years in Australia

With a presence dating back to 1927, Boeing Australia today has 4000-plus employees working across the broadest aerospace portfolio in Australia, including advanced manufacturing, defence, services, research and development, and uncrewed systems. We have a thriving Australian supply chain that supports our operations, and we're proud to partner with great organisations and universities that support veterans, STEM and the communities we live and work in. As we look to the future, Boeing Australia is committed to advancing economic opportunity, sustainability and community impact.