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Vopak secures NSW government backing for aviation fuel infrastructure expansion in Australia

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The proposed Port Botany project will add around 120,000 cubic metres of storage capacity, strengthen aviation fuel security and establish infrastructure capable of supporting future sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) supply



Vopak Terminals Australia has secured backing from the New South Wales (NSW) government for a proposed aviation fuel infrastructure expansion at Port Botany, marking a step forward in efforts to strengthen the state's fuel security and prepare its energy infrastructure for the transition towards lower-carbon aviation fuels.

The project has received endorsement from the NSW government's Investment Delivery Authority, which will provide non-financial support to facilitate its development.

The proposed expansion will deliver approximately 120,000 cubic metres of additional infrastructure capacity, comprising storage tanks and pipeline connections. Beyond strengthening conventional aviation fuel storage and distribution capabilities, the facility is being designed to accommodate sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), positioning it to support the development of Australia's emerging SAF supply chain.

The project, however, remains subject to a final investment decision, alongside regulatory planning requirements and the necessary approvals.

Mats de Groot, managing director of Vopak Terminals Australia, said the government's endorsement reflected the importance of investing in infrastructure that could respond to the changing energy requirements of NSW.

He said the proposed development would operate as an independent, open-access facility, with the potential to address fuel security concerns while increasing competition in the market. Its ability to store SAF would also provide a foundation for

Australia's longer-term aviation energy transition.

The development comes amid growing attention to the resilience of aviation fuel supply chains and the infrastructure required to accommodate lower-carbon alternatives. By combining additional storage capacity with pipeline connectivity and SAF-compatible infrastructure, the Port Botany expansion could strengthen the flexibility of Australia's aviation fuel logistics network.

The next phase will depend on the project's investment decision and completion of the applicable planning and regulatory processes.