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ARRIVAL OF A380S TO BOOST HOTEL BUSINESS

Australian hotels are anticipating the introduction of A380s into the commercial aviation market in this country will bring an increase in business.

The first commercial A380 flight to Australia touches down in Sydney this afternoon.

“Australia's accommodation sector relies heavily on the aviation industry to support both domestic and international travel,” said the AHA's Manager – National Accommodation Division, Hamish Arthur.

“Having A380s in service will mean extra incoming seats to Australia and as more of these new planes take to the air, international tourists are likely to enjoy more affordable access to Australia than ever before.

“An increase in the level of in-bound tourism should equate to an increase in occupancy in our major hotels.”

When it comes to the regulatory side of aviation, the AHA has a very clear policy position.

“Australian hotels are constantly seeking to ensure the aviation industry is responsive to the needs of international and domestic travellers,” Mr Arthur said.

“It's vital for hotel business that air travel is an affordable means of transport that contributes positively to Australia's appeal as a tourism destination.”

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