

AIRPORT FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

AYRES ROCK AIRPORT, AUSTRALIA

Airports are significant contributors to local and regional economic development and therefore, vital community assets. The responsibilities of airport managers have become increasingly complex requiring a good understanding of air transport industry dynamics as well as sound commercial business, technical and social skills.

Ambidji can provide third-party airport management services under contract to those clients who see a need to have their airports managed professionally to ensure commercial viability and compliance with regulatory standards. These services are particularly attractive to those airport owners who are not involved in aviation as a core business activity (i.e. councils). **Ambidji's** services can range from simply recruiting an individual to undertake the airport management role, to undertaking the delivery of the whole airport management function.

PROJECT

Ayers Rock Airport Management Project (2002 – 2007)

Ambidji was solely responsible for management of the entire airport and air traffic services at the airport under contract to the resort manager. This included demand forecasting and collating of actual passenger activity, which allowed for efficient planning and development of the airports facilities. Management of all day to day operations was conducted by staff employed on a permanent basis through **Ambidji's** recruitment, of which payroll and HR responsibilities were also administered.

In addition, **Ambidji** continuously coordinated with airlines and regulatory bodies.



Before taking on full management of Ayres Rock, **Ambidji** was engaged on a six-week trial basis to provide Certified Air/Ground Radio information Service (CA/GRS) at Ayres Rock (Connellan) Airport. Until then, as a non-controlled airport, Ayres Rock had no Air Traffic Control or radio information service.

Upon completion of the six week trial, industry satisfaction and acceptance of the service provided were such that **Ambidji** was engaged to continue the provision of this service under the terms of an annually renewable contract. Quality assurance and certification of the service were included in the contract and performed in accordance with the requirements of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

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