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Paraparaumu Airport Ltd (PAL) Chairman John Goulter says the decision by the Environment Court to endorse the decision taken by Kapiti Coast District Council in April 2008 regarding Plan Change 73 is great news for the Kapiti community.

“It is especially pleasing that the Court has chosen to make only minor changes to the plans approved by Council in 2008” said Mr Goulter.

“Whilst the appeals to the Environment Court have delayed major works, over the last 15 months PAL has completed a number of airport infrastructure and operating procedure improvements that were necessary for the airport to be granted Part 139 Certification by the CAA.”

“The main priority now is to establish a terminal and reseal the main runway, including some leveling work, as a precursor to Air NZ commencing regular scheduled flights to and from Paraparaumu.”

PAL Director Noel Robinson said, “The community now has an opportunity to participate in the development of a vibrant and viable infrastructure asset serving the needs of the Kapiti region and providing much needed employment opportunities.”

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