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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Bruneians encouraged to use SmartGates at Australian airports**

**29 August 2025** – Bruneians visiting Australia are encouraged to streamline their immigration process by using the SmartGates located across Australia’s international airport network.

The Australian High Commission in Brunei Darussalam today announced that Brunei ePassports are now compatible with Australia’s SmartGates entry system.

As of 29 August, Bruneian ePassport holders, who also hold a valid Australian visa, can use Australia’s SmartGates facilities on arrival at eight Australian airports, enhancing the travel experience with seamless and efficient border clearance.

“Brunei Darussalam is now among the growing list of nations whose citizens can benefit from Australia’s advanced SmartGates,” said H.E. Mr Michael Hoy, Australian High Commissioner.

The announcement was made during a Brunei Business Roadshow to Perth, Australia, led by High Commissioner Hoy and Mr Daniel Leong, acting CEO, Brunei Economic Development Board.

“We hope this enhancement - particularly for business travellers - will make travel between Australia and Brunei Darussalam more efficient, enjoyable and responsive to modern needs,” said High Commissioner Hoy.

SmartGates access is available to all Bruneian ePassport holders aged seven and over with a minimum height of 1.1 metres, ensuring a smoother arrival process for travellers, including families.

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