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New technology switched on at airport

New technology has been switched on at the Wagga Wagga airport, which is equivalent to that in major metropolitan areas.

The \$1.6m Instrument Landing System (ILS) was paid for by the Federal Government, the Wagga City Council, AirServices Australia and the Regional Express.

Federal Transport Minister Anthony Albanese said the technology allows the airport to operate in difficult weather conditions.

Mr Albanese said the equipment will be a useful teaching tool at REX's Pilot Training School and for AirServices Australia's Wagga based trainees.

"So it will not only be training the pilots, but it will be training the air-traffic controllers and people who work for AirServices Australia on this modern equipment based here in Wagga," he said.

"This is as good as many of the systems that operate in what you would see as major airports, be it capital city airports or a major regional airport like the Gold Coast."

Mr Albanese said the recent opening of the REX Pilot Training School helped the city secure the international standard ILS system..

"This is a state of the art facility which will train not only Australian pilots but overseas pilots," he said.

"We believe this is a vital project which ensures Wagga has a facility that is up to international standard."