

2. 'Accelerate' headlining for all the wrong reasons.

[Airservices Australia insiders warn air-traffic job cuts are 'huge risk to public safety](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-02-15/air-traffic-job-cuts-putting-lives-at-risk-insiders-warn/8268360)

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Job cuts have left the government body responsible for air-traffic control in Australia **in crisis**, with senior Airservices officials providing damning accounts that the organisation is **now "a huge risk to public safety"**.

Key points:

- Airservices staff fear it could take 'blood on their hands' before changes are made
- More than 700 jobs have been cut from the organisation to date as part of cost-cutting
- Senator Nick Xenophon is demanding an immediate cease of the retrenchments

"**It's only a matter of time** before we have a major aviation incident," one Airservices executive has told the ABC.

[Senator Nick Xenophon calls for investigation into Airservices Australia cuts](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-02-15/senator-nick-xenophon-calls-for-investigation-into/8271874)

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Senator Nick Xenophon sits on the Senate committee to which Airservices answers and is demanding an immediate stop to the organisation's retrenchments until an independent investigation has been conducted

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/public-service/union-fears-for-safety-as-airservices-cuts-up-to-one-in-five-jobs-20160715-gq6zfs.html>.