



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We thank the over 200 concerned constituents who have written in.

We had a meeting with the Mayor on Thursday and are convinced that Dubbo council's (DCC) position will not change under the current leadership.

Consequently Rex will gradually reduce its services whenever the opportunity for redeployment presents itself in other regional centres. See Media Release below for details.

We urge each of you to find at least 10 other like-minded citizens to petition the council (see our [website](#) for details). Perhaps if there are enough petitions the DCC will do something before Dubbo forever loses its 75 peak Sydney airport slots (there are no available regional NSW slots available during the peak periods) that Rex is bringing to Dubbo each week.

We will keep you informed of developments. We have done all we could. It is now up to you. If you wish to give us your suggestions/feedback/petitions, please go to our website and click on "[Stop Screening Charges at Dubbo](#)".

MEDIA RELEASE

28 FEBRUARY 2013

DUBBO MAYOR NOT COMMITTED TO FINDING SOLUTION

At the initiative of the Regional Express (Rex) Executive Chairman, a meeting was held today with the Mayor of Dubbo to explore solutions to the deadlock on the security screening charges issue at Dubbo airport.

On 25 February 2013, Dubbo City Council (DCC) passed a resolution requiring Rex passengers to be screened and to pay screening charges of about \$9 per departing passenger. Rex passengers are not required to be security screened under the Office of Transport Security (OTS) Air Transport Safety Regulations (ATSR). QantasLink's passengers travelling on the larger Dash 8 Q400 aircraft are legally required to be screened.

Rex feels that it is blatantly unfair for its passengers to be subsidising QantasLink by more than \$300,000 per annum for a requirement that is only legally applicable to QantasLink.

Following the meeting between Rex Management and the Dubbo Mayor today, Rex has formed the view that the Mayor is not committed to finding a solution in a timely manner. Consequently, Rex will set in motion plans for the redeployment of Dubbo services to other NSW regional centres that do not impose charges for airport screening. Rex will also refuse to pay any security charges imposed henceforth.

The Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA) that represents over 100 airlines and aviation-related companies has strongly condemned the position taken by DCC: "Dubbo City Council's decision to apply screening charges to all operators, whether they trigger passenger screening or not, is unjust and should be repealed immediately. Dubbo's decision is clearly out of step with the majority of local councils with RPT airports."

"In short, the RAAA believes that if an operator is captured by the security regulations it is that operator alone who should pay for the security screening charges applied by the airport owner."

The NATIONALS Leader and Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Warren Truss has

also weighed in on this matter: "There has been no substantial security case established to justify requiring security screening of passengers on these smaller aircraft."

Rex thanks the more than 200 concerned constituents who have lodged their protest. The petitions can be viewed at www.rex.com.au (click on *Stop Screening Charges at Dubbo*).

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 40 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,300 weekly flights to 35 destinations throughout New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland. The Rex Group comprises Regional Express, air freight and charter operator Pel-Air Aviation and Dubbo-based regional airline Air Link, as well as the pilot academy Australian Airline Pilot Academy.

Rex currently services the Dubbo community with 8 daily services to Sydney and Broken Hill and deploys 75 of its weekly NSW regional ring-fenced Sydney airport slots during the peak periods to these services.

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