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## **REX REMAINS AUSTRALIA'S MOST RELIABLE AIRLINE**

Data released by the Bureau of Infrastructure Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) has crowned Rex as Australia's most reliable airline for the 16th consecutive month.

January's on-time performance results show that Rex was top of the leaderboard for both ontime departures and cancellation rates. Rex Group's 5,200 domestic and regional flights departed on-time an overwhelming 80.9% of the time. This is a very significant moment as this marks the first time any airline group has crossed the 80% on-time mark since Rex achieved 83.3% of on-time departures in January 2023.

In comparison, the Qantas Group achieved only 74.9% while the Virgin Australia Group continued to languish below the 70% mark.

Rex also cancelled a mere 0.6% of flights while Qantas' cancellation rate was a whopping 300% higher. Meanwhile, Virgin Australia's cancellation rate was even more shocking, coming in 780% higher than Rex's.

"Rex achieved its low cancellation rate and high degree of on time performance on the same routes in similar weather conditions and times, with the same air traffic control problems. One can draw only one of two conclusions from the disgraceful cancellation rates of the two major carriers. Either they are grossly incompetent or they deliberately hoard airport slots by scheduling flights they do not intend to fly," Rex's Executive Chairman, Lim Kim Hai, said.

"In either case, the travelling public pays the price for its misplaced loyalty."

**Rex** is Australia's largest independent regional and domestic airline operating a fleet of 57 Saab 340 and 10 Boeing 737-800NG aircraft to 56 destinations throughout all states in Australia. In addition to the airline Rex, the Rex Group comprises wholly owned subsidiaries Pel-Air Aviation (air freight, aeromedical and charter operator), the Australian Airline Pilot Academy with campuses in Wagga Wagga and Ballarat, and propeller maintenance organisation, Australian Aerospace Propeller Maintenance. Rex is also a 50% shareholder of National Jet Express (NJE), a premier Fly-In-Fly-Out (FIFO), charter and freight operator.

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