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MEDIA RELEASE

REX UPDATE ON FUNDING APPROVAL FOR REGIONAL SERVICES

Regional Express (Rex) is pleased to today announce the confirmation of additional regional services funded by both Federal and State Governments. In total, Rex will now be operating 88 weekly return services under the various funding arrangements.

This follows the COVID-19 Regional Airline Network Support (RANS) program announced by Deputy Prime Minister (DPM), the Hon Michael McCormack, on 28 March 2020. Under the program, regional airlines will be provided assistance to maintain a minimal weekly schedule to regional and remote ports. The RANS program will provide funding for up to six months with an initial approval for six weeks.

Under revised Grant guidelines, Rex is eligible to receive funding to operate 2-3 return services a week to all destinations on the Rex network. Rex's application for the ports it wishes to provide services to has been approved and was signed off on 23 April 2020.

In addition to the Federal Government funding package, three State Governments, Queensland, Western Australia (WA) and South Australia (SA), have also committed to funding additional services. An agreement with the Queensland Government has been signed and agreements with the Western Australia and South Australia Governments will be confirmed in the days ahead. Details of both the Commonwealth-funded and State-funded services are given in the Appendix. Most services are already open for sale and the few remaining will be implemented in the weeks ahead.

Rex's Deputy Chairman, the Hon John Sharp AM said, "Regional Australia owes the DPM Michael McCormack and the Morrison Government a great debt of gratitude for providing funding to ensure that it continues to receive minimal essential air links to the capital cities for medical, professional and other essential travel needs. Without this intervention, many smaller regional communities would risk not having any air services at all for at least six months. Those in Queensland, WA and SA should also acknowledge the contribution of their state governments in funding more services."

"With the Commonwealth assistance packages for regional carriers in place, we are confident that we will be able to help all regional communities who are willing to work in partnership with us to rebuild their regional air services to their full potential over the next two years. Rex will stand by all regional communities that have stood by Rex during this global and national crisis."

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of 60 Saab 340 aircraft (pre-COVID) on some 1,500 weekly flights to 59 destinations throughout all states in Australia. In addition to the regional airline **Rex**, the **Rex Group** comprises wholly owned subsidiaries **Pel-Air Aviation** (air freight, aeromedical and charter operator) and the two pilot academies **Australian Airline Pilot Academy** in Wagga Wagga and Ballarat.

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**** APPENDIX ****
REGIONAL EXPRESS (REX) WEEKLY RETURN SERVICES

NSW, SA, TAS, VIC & QLD (NON REGULATED)

ROUTE		Approved Commonwealth Funded Weekly Return Services	State Funded Weekly Return Services
Adelaide	Mt Gambier	2	1
Adelaide	Mildura	2	0
Adelaide	Ceduna	2	0
Adelaide	Broken Hill	2	0
Adelaide	Coober Pedy	2	1
Adelaide	Whyalla	2	0
Adelaide	Port Lincoln	2	0
Adelaide	Kangaroo Island	2	0
Melbourne	Mildura	2	0
Melbourne	Albury/Wagga Wagga*	3	0
Melbourne	Burnie/King Island*	3	0
Melbourne	Mount Gambier	2	0
Melbourne	Merimbula	2	0
Sydney	Armidale	2	0
Sydney	Grafton/Lismore*	3	0
Sydney	Ballina	2	0
Sydney	Dubbo/Broken Hill*	3	0
Sydney	Wagga	2	0
Sydney	Albury	2	0
Sydney	Griffith/Narrandera-Leeton*	3	0
Sydney	Moruya/Merimbula*	3	0
Sydney	Orange	2	0
Sydney	Bathurst/Parkes*	3	0
Sydney	Cooma	2	0
Townsville	Cairns	2	0
Cairns	Mount Isa	2	0
Cairns	Bamaga	2	0
Non-Regulated Total		**61**	**2****

* Combined services
** Subject to agreement with SA Government

WA (REGULATED)

ROUTE		Approved Commonwealth Funded Weekly Return Services	WA State Funded Weekly Return Services
Perth	Albany	2	2
Perth	Esperance	2	2
Perth	Carnarvon/Monkey Mia*	3	0
WA Regulated Total		**7**	**4****

* Combined services
** Subject to agreement with WA Government

QLD (REGULATED)

ROUTE	Approved Commonwealth Funded Weekly Return Services	QLD State Funded Weekly Return Services
Northern 1 Route	1	1
Townsville - Winton - Longreach		
Northern 2 Route	2	1
Townsville - Hughenden - Richmond - Julia Creek - Mt Isa		
Western 1 Route	1	1
Brisbane - Toowoomba (Wellcamp) - St George - Cunnamulla - Thargomindah		
Western 2 Route	1	1
Brisbane - Toowoomba (Wellcamp) - Charleville - Quilpie - Windorah - Birdsville - Bedourie - Boulia - Mt Isa		
Gulf Route	2	3
Cairns - Normanton - Mornington Island - Doomadgee - Mt Isa		
QLD Regulated Total	**7**	**7**

NETWORK TOTAL

ALL ROUTES	Approved Commonwealth Funded Weekly Return Services	State Funded Weekly Return Services
	75	**13****

** Subject to agreement with SA and WA Government