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Rex Adds Newcastle-Ballina Flights

DIRECT flights between Ballina and Newcastle will start on Sunday, October 30, Regional Express announced last week. Ballina Byron Gateway Airport manager, Neil Weatherson, welcomed the new daily service. "The travelling public ... have expressed a need for a Newcastle service, and we expect this new daily service will provide more options for both leisure and corporate travellers," he said. Ballina mayor Phillip Silver said it was "another great shot in the arm for our region".