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### Rex Boosts Regional Flights

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**FLIGHTS to Mildura and Broken Hill will increase from next month with Regional Express today announcing new services.**

The airline said it would connect Mildura airport with direct flights to Adelaide and Sydney and add two daily return flights to Broken Hill.

The boost will result in three return flights to Sydney each week day.

[Rex](#) network strategy general manager Warrick Lodge said the new flights and schedules would bring significant benefits to Mildura and Broken Hill.

He said Broken Hill City Council had convinced Rex and gave it "confidence" to make the investment.

The changes would allow a professional from Sydney make a return trip to Broken Hill for work for the day.

Mildura Airport Board chairman Peter O'Donnell said: "The new services will provide important connections to Sydney and Adelaide for leisure and business travellers, together with a convenient connection to Broken Hill".

Broken Hill City Council general manager Frank Zaknich said the improved air services to linked the region to Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne were welcomed.

"Council acknowledges this significant investment by Rex into air services for Broken Hill and Mildura. There are very few regional cities that have air service links to three capital cities and this ensures that Broken Hill and Mildura, working in partnership with Rex, are well and truly open for business."

The decision comes after the company announced earlier this month it was pulling out of the Griffith to Melbourne route.

The route was described at Rex's "thinnest route" and operated with a low average load factor and would be compounded by the Federal Government's new carbon tax.