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Griffith Mayor pleased Rex flights to remain

Griffith Mayor Dino Zappacosta says he is delighted the city has escaped the flight cuts Regional Express Airlines (Rex) introduced in other regional centres, including Wagga Wagga.

Councillor Zappacosta says the number of passengers at Griffith Airport is continually increasing.

He says there were a few worrying moments when Rex recently cancelled two flights between Griffith and Sydney and Melbourne because of pilot shortages.

He says the council tried to offer Rex attractive deals for passenger taxes and is convinced Griffith has the numbers to continue supporting the flights.

"To find that Rex has continued our good record and I suppose unfortunately for others has had to sacrifice other centres to keep us going, we're just so delighted because Griffith is a growing city," he said.

"The numbers of passengers that are leaving here, the airport is certainly increasing day-by-day and I think Rex is in Griffith for the longer haul."