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Council, Rex renew contract for Adelaide-Coober Pedy air route

Coober Pedy Mayor Steve Baines says the Adelaide to Coober Pedy air route is booming, with more than 10,000 passengers flying in and out of the opal mining town each year.

Three years ago there was talk Regional Express Airlines (Rex) airlines would pull out of the area because of low passenger numbers.

The council has signed a contract with Rex to fly the route for another three years.

Councillor Baines says the route's success is helping the town remain sustainable

"It certainly reduces the isolation factor when you can jump in an aircraft and be in Adelaide in two hours," he said.

"We hope that with the mining boom that is going on in the area and the the tourism increase, that the passenger numbers on that route will just grow and grow."