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Rex hopes to resume Cooma-Sydney route

The airline servicing the Monaro and Snowy Mountains says it wants to resume a full-time service between Cooma and Sydney, but is not ruling out further flight cancellations due to a pilot shortage.

Regional Express (Rex) has applied to the State Transport Department to renew its licence to fly into Cooma for another five years.

Rex unexpectedly suspended services this year, saying a pilot shortage prevented it from resuming flights until the beginning of the ski season.

The airline said the route was not paying its way during summer and pilots were better employed on more lucrative flights.

Cooma-Monaro Shire Mayor Roger Norton blames the low patronage on an inappropriate timetable.

"The numbers over the years have dwindled ... timing of the flights is a factor and will continue to be," he said.

"If you can get out there after breakfast and be in Sydney for a day's business and come back that afternoon, I am sure the customer numbers would increase."