



Premier of Queensland

MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

I'm delighted to welcome Rex Airlines to Queensland, with its first flights starting between Maryborough and Brisbane.

Queensland's distances are so great that flying is the logical way to go – something we Queenslanders have been aware of for a very long time.

The nation's carrier was formed by Queenslanders from the State's west in the 1920s, making it the second oldest airline in the world.

Queenslanders were also prominent among the world's early aviators and the thriving industry we have today is a reflection of their past efforts and, in some cases, the heartbreak of those early days.

Today is Rex's day and I congratulate your company and crew on your first venture into Queensland – the fast-growing aviation hub of the Asia Pacific.

No doubt this initiative will pay dividends on many fronts, with competition driving customer service, and Queenslanders in Maryborough enjoying their new regional service.

Welcome to Queensland, and my best wishes to Rex and all who fly with you!

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