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MEDIA RELEASE

REX LANDS IN CANBERRA FROM MELBOURNE

The first Rex jet service between Melbourne and Canberra landed in the national capital this afternoon.

Rex passengers enjoyed fares which were a fraction of the price compared to flying with Qantas.

At \$69 each way Rex's fares trumped Qantas' cheapest Red e-Deal for the same day and similar time of \$315 one-way. For too long Qantas has been ripping off Canberrans with bloated fares. Rex's entry to the Canberra - Melbourne market will be a big boost to the Canberra region's economy.

Rex is doing its best to rebuild the economy from the effects of the COVID pandemic by introducing fares that give people a reason to travel and to spend. At \$69, a trip Melbourne - Canberra is cheaper than a bus fare and makes it affordable to visit friends and family or just for an impulsive getaway.

Deputy Chairman, the Hon John Sharp AM, said, "Today's commencement of Rex flights between Melbourne and Canberra with our \$69 fares demonstrates our determination to drive down the cost of air travel and grow markets despite the most challenging of times," he said.

The \$69 fare includes free checked baggage and on-board refreshments. Rex is a full-service airline built on a bedrock of country-style hospitality and offers a three-class seating option – Business, 'Rextra' Legroom and Economy. The Business class seats are priced from \$249.

Canberra Airport's Head of Aviation, Michael Thomson, said: "We are excited by Rex's rapid growth in the Canberra market. We have seen previously that competitive fares can stimulate demand and an entirely new market of leisure travellers. This new service will boost tourism recovery here in the ACT and give Canberrans an affordable holiday option to visit the sporting and culture capital".

The new Melbourne-Canberra Boeing 737-800NG flights will add up to 200,000 seats annually to the route and represents the latest addition to Rex's rapidly expanding domestic network from Melbourne – which now includes Sydney, Adelaide and the Gold Coast. The new Melbourne - Canberra service complements Rex's Sydney – Canberra service which commenced on 19 April with 45 return services per week and fares from \$99.00.

Rex is the only airline in Australia that offers a COVID Refund Policy for new bookings, which guarantees full refunds for any passenger affected by COVID-related cancellations, re-scheduling, border closures and travel restrictions.



IMAGE: Rex cabin crew celebrate the airline's first flight between Melbourne and Canberra

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