



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### NATIONAL JET EXPRESS TAKES OFF FROM NEW BRISBANE BASE

National Jet Express (NJE), a Rex Group company, has today firmed up its bold ambition to expand its footprint in the Queensland charter and mining market.

NJE today took passengers to the skies for the first time in Queensland, with flight NC344 departing Brisbane at 0700 local time for Moranbah. This comes after NJE was successful in winning a contract to provide air services for BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA).



Chris Hine, Managing Director of NJE, said, "We are excited to be working with BMA to provide this air service. We look forward to building a strong relationship."

"This is a significant milestone for NJE, as it marks the start of our operations in Queensland. We've been thrilled to launch this flight from NJE's new base in Brisbane and we are now truly open for business in Queensland," he added

Modern Dash 8-Q400NG 'Next Generation' aircraft will operate the contract. The Dash 8-Q400NG is fast and fuel-efficient making it the perfect aircraft to meet customer demands.

Today's flight is only the start, with NJE introducing another Q400NG into Queensland from August.

NJE is also looking at other opportunities in Queensland, and considering introducing Embraer E190 jets, of which NJE has a large fleet on the West Coast.

The addition of Brisbane and Moranbah takes NJE's extensive charter, fly-in fly-out and freight network to 37 destinations.

It also supplements the Rex Group's passenger services to 24 destinations in regional and rural Queensland giving NJE unrivalled solutions for air services in Queensland.











"NJE looks forward to extending the Rex Group's renowned service reliability delivered with country hospitality to Queensland," Mr Hine said.

### **ENDS**

# Gallery of images from today's inaugural NJE flight is available here.

**NJE** was founded in 1994 and with the introduction of two (2) additional Dash 8-Q400NG aircraft to support the new Queensland base, NJE will operate a fleet of ten (10) Dash 8-Q400s, in addition to its current fleet of six (6) Embraer 190 jets serving clients in the mining and resources across Australia.

Additionally, NJE operates four (4) British Aerospace 146s for night freight between Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and the Gold Coast and three (3) De Havilland Dash 8-100 aircraft for FIFO operations in Papua New Guinea and between PNG and Cairns. NJE has been part of the Rex Group since 1 October 2022.

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