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REX RETAINS ALL ITS CURRENT NSW LICENCED ROUTES FOR ANOTHER 5 YEARS

Regional Express (Rex) has been awarded all eight New South Wales (NSW) intrastate Air Transport Licences which it is currently holding. This confers on Rex the sole right to continue to operate on these routes for the next licence period of March 2013 to March 2018.

Rex's General Manager of Network Strategy and Sales, Mr Warrick Lodge said, "Rex has serviced most of these routes for the past 10 years and the renewal of the licences demonstrates that Rex is the preferred partner of the bush based on our record of safe and reliable services at fair prices."

"Whilst Rex is the biggest beneficiary of the NSW licensed route regime, we have called on the NSW Government, just as we have done five years ago when the licences were last awarded, to discontinue this route licence regime as we believe that such a scheme distorts free competition without achieving any practical outcomes."

List of licensed NSW routes awarded to Rex:

- Bathurst to Sydney
- Broken Hill to Sydney
- Grafton to Sydney
- Merimbula to Sydney
- Moruya to Sydney
- Narrandera to Sydney
- Parkes to Sydney
- Taree to Sydney

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 40 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,300 weekly flights to 35 destinations throughout New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland. The Rex Group comprises Regional Express, air freight and charter operator Pel-Air Aviation and Dubbo based regional airline Air Link, as well as the Australian Airline Pilot Academy.

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