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Council reinforces its support for REX

Broken Hill City Council has reaffirmed its partnership with regional airline REX.

Deputy Mayor David Gallagher said the airline provided an important service to the city and a partnership struck between with Council and REX in 2014 had both secured regular flights to three capital cities and allowed for new direct flights to Sydney.

“The approach from the airline has allowed Council to unanimously reaffirm the partnership agreement. We understand that there is an extremely competitive regional market in terms of regional centres wanting an airline service and we are fortunate to have 37 return flights per week,” Cr Gallagher said.

“While there is no competition for commercial flight services to Broken Hill, and research has shown that passenger numbers must be approximately 100,000 to create such competition, as an airport operator, our (Council’s) competition is other airports across the country.

“Every flight landing in Broken Hill has economic returns for the City. Much of the passenger load is business and significant support and advocacy from the Department of Rural Health and health services in the City has been targeted towards the return of direct flights to Sydney. These direct flights increase productivity in these areas. As a remote City working hard to diversify its economy, air transport is critical.

“This is an important partnership and I am keen to see Council build that relationship.”

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