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MEDIA RELEASE

MORNINGTON ISLAND AIRPORT TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO REX FLIGHTS

Mornington Island airport has been temporarily closed to all aircraft above 5,700 kg due to runway unserviceability. This means that most aircraft above 10 seats, including the Regional Express (Rex) 34-seat Saab 340, will not be able to land there. In addition, there is a restriction on the runway length that can be used which even excludes some of the smaller aircraft.

Rex provides four return weekly services between Mornington Island and Cairns as part of the Gulf route under the Queensland Government Transport and Main Roads (TMR) regulated route scheme and Rex has been in close consultation with TMR in finding an interim solution since the damage was discovered on 16 December 2015.

Rex Queensland State Manager Steve Jones said, "Whilst there have been recent suggestions from well-meaning parties that there are other solutions ready to proceed, unfortunately comments in recent media articles do not represent the full situation and will do nothing to alleviate the situation and could even cause more anguish by raising expectations that are impossible to fulfil."

"Rex is confident that it will be in a position to implement an interim solution, subject to TMR and CASA approval, using a smaller aircraft once council has completed temporary repairs in a few days' time to enable usage of the full length of the runway."

Once approval is given, bookings for the interim service will be able to be made through Rex's normal booking channels.

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 50 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,500 weekly flights to 58 destinations throughout New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia. 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 pilot academy Australian Airline Pilot Academy.

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APPENDICES

GULF ROUTE MAP



PROPOSED SCHEDULES

Please refer to following pages.

MONDAY & THURSDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
ISA	DMD	0915	1015	ZL5474
DMD	NTN	1035	1125	ZL5474
NTN	CNS	1155	1325	ZL5474

MONDAY & FRIDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	1155	1325	ZL5459
NTN	BUC	1355	1435	ZL5459
BUC	DMD	1455	1520	ZL5459
DMD	ISA	1540	1640	ZL5459

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
ISA	DMD	0915	1015	ZL5464
DMD	BUC	1035	1100	ZL5464
BUC	NTN	1120	1200	ZL5464
NTN	CNS	1230	1400	ZL5464

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	1240	1410	ZL5453
NTN	DMD	1440	1530	ZL5453
DMD	ISA	1550	1650	ZL5453

NTN = Normanton

ISA = Mount Isa

DMD = Doomadgee

CNS = Cairns

BUC = Burketown

All schedules are subject to change.

Please note: Mornington Island airport is closed for Rex flights due to urgent runway works and insufficient runway length. Please refer to the Mornington Island to Normanton schedule on the next page proposed for the interim.



Mornington Island - Normanton

MONDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
NTN	ONG	0825	0935	ZL1756
ONG	NTN	1000	1110	ZL1757

MONDAY & FRIDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
NTN	ONG	1415	1525	ZL1772
ONG	NTN	1550	1700	ZL1773

TUESDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
NTN	ONG	1110	1220	ZL1764
ONG	NTN	1245	1355	ZL1765

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
NTN	ONG	1445	1555	ZL1774
ONG	NTN	1620	1730	ZL1775

WEDNESDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
NTN	ONG	0900	1010	ZL1758
ONG	NTN	1035	1145	ZL1759
NTN	ONG	1245	1355	ZL1762
ONG	NTN	1420	1530	ZL1763

NTN = Normanton

ONG = Mornington Island

All schedules are subject to approval from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Schedules are subject to change.