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## MEDIA RELEASE

### REX COMMENCES SERVICES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Australia's largest independent regional airline, Regional Express (Rex), will commence services in Western Australia (WA) for the first time on 28 February 2016.

This follows the WA Government's announcement on 9 December 2015 of Rex as the operator of two routes in its review of regulated Regular Public Transport (RPT) air services in the state. The two routes are:

- Perth - Esperance (18 weekly return services)
- Perth - Albany (23 weekly return services)

The contract confers on Rex the sole right to operate these routes for the next five years beginning on 28 February 2016.

Rex's General Manager for Network Strategy & Sales Mr Warrick Lodge said, "Rex is honoured to have been selected by the WA State Government to provide essential regional air services between Perth and the communities of Albany and Esperance."

"As these are Rex's first operations in WA, the Rex team has worked tirelessly over the past three months to set up a new Rex base in Perth. Three aircraft have already been deployed to Perth, and a dedicated Perth crew and maintenance base has been established."

"The new Rex services connecting Albany and Esperance to Perth will significantly enhance the connectivity of these two communities. In addition to having an extra return service every weekday, local residents can now be in Perth in time for a 9.00 a.m. appointment and be back in Albany or Esperance after a full business day in Perth, thereby avoiding the need to incur accommodation and other associated costs in Perth."

Commenting on Rex's inaugural services from Perth Airport, Perth Airport CEO Mr Brad Geatches said, "We are delighted to welcome Regional Express to Perth Airport to take over the important routes to Albany and Esperance, both outstanding places of natural beauty and great tourist destinations."

"Rex will operate both services from T2, located next to T1 Domestic and T1 International. This will allow interstate and international visitors to transfer seamlessly to services to Albany and Esperance in one convenient location."

"As the gateway to Western Australia, Perth Airport is committed to supporting Western Australian tourism through increased services and establishing new and improved airline partnerships that encourage growth in visitor numbers to Perth and Western Australia," Mr Geatches said.

Reservations can be made via [rex.com.au](http://rex.com.au), on 13 17 13 or via your local travel agent.

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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## ANNEX – REX FLIGHT SCHEDULES

ESPERANCE - PERTH 									
FLIGHT NO.	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
ZL2356	6:30 am	8:05 am	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL2358	10:15 am	11:50 am	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL2376	4:15 pm	5:50 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●

Schedules are effective 28 February 2016.

PERTH - ESPERANCE 									
FLIGHT NO.	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
ZL2357	8:15 am	9:50 am	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL2375	2:15 pm	3:50 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●
ZL2377	6:25 pm	8:00 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●

ALBANY - PERTH 									
FLIGHT NO.	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
ZL2112	6:30 am	7:40 am	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL2114	10:15 am	11:25 am	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL2126	1:45 pm	2:55 pm	●	●	●	●	●		
ZL2132	5:40 pm	6:50 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●

Schedules are effective 28 February 2016.

PERTH - ALBANY 									
FLIGHT NO.	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
ZL2113	8:40 am	9:50 am	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL2125	12:10 pm	1:20 pm	●	●	●	●	●		
ZL2131	4:05 pm	5:15 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●
ZL2133	7:25 pm	8:35 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●