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REX EXPANDS CAIRNS TO BAMAGA SERVICE

Regional Express (Rex) and the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC) today announced the expansion of Rex's direct Bamaga - Cairns services to include an additional Sunday non-stop service commencing Sunday October 30.

Rex, in partnership with NPARC, introduced the daily week-day service in March 2015 following Rex's open invitation to all Cape York communities to submit an expression of interest in securing the airline's service.

Rex's Queensland State Manager, Mr. Steve Jones said, "The Sunday service means that NPA residents can spend a weekend in Cairns and get home before the start of the new week. On behalf of the community, Mayor Eddie Newman has been lobbying Rex for this additional service for many months."

"Given the strong support the NPA community has shown for Rex's service, the Rex Board has felt that it is fitting for Rex to reciprocate by mounting this much coveted service," said Mr. Jones.

"Our partnership with NPARC demonstrates what can be achieved in securing quality, reliable regional air services in a sustainable manner. Rex remains open to exploring similar partnerships with other like-minded councils in Cape York and I invite interested parties to contact Rex immediately as there is currently a window of opportunity."

Mayor Newman commented, "The Rex services have been extremely popular in Community, and the addition of a Sunday flight will provide even more options for residents and businesses of Cape York to fly to and from Cairns".

He also noted, "The inaugural service coincides with the annual NPA Cup football carnival, which will assist by allowing referees and other visitors to return to Cairns on the Sunday."

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 all states in Australia. In addition to the regional airline Regional Express, the **Rex Group** comprises wholly owned subsidiaries **Pel-Air Aviation** (air freight and charter operator), **Air Link** (Dubbo-based regional airline) and the **Australian Airline Pilot Academy**.

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