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MEDIA RELEASE

REX RETRACTS REINSTATEMENT OF SERVICES TO KING ISLAND AFTER FINDING KING ISLAND COUNCIL'S APOLOGY INSINCERE

As foreshadowed in its media release of 15 October 2018 (attached), Regional Express (Rex) has announced that it will again reduce services between King Island and Melbourne.

The following services will be cancelled effective 22 January 2019:

Tuesday and Wednesday

- **ZL3871:** Depart Melbourne 1105- Arrive King Island 1200
- **ZL3872:** Depart King Island 1220- Arrive Melbourne 1315

Rex will continue to monitor the situation thereafter and make further adjustments to the schedule and ticket prices as necessary.

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KING ISLAND COUNCIL APOLOGY TO REX INSINCERE

Regional Express (Rex) today revealed that the King Island Council (KIC) has initiated legal actions against the local newspaper the King Island Courier over its coverage of the disagreement between Rex and KIC.

Rex Executive Chairman, Lim Kim Hai, said, "I have read carefully the legal letter and all alleged defamatory statements made by the King Island Courier are simply reflections of what Rex has publicly affirmed in its media releases of 6 and 27 July 2018."

"The KIC had apologised to Rex for its offensive and xenophobic comments and lies and Rex has accepted this in good faith and has reinstated the services that were earlier cancelled."

"I view this law suit against a newspaper for saying exactly the same things that Rex has said in public as nothing but a disguised attempt to sully Rex's reputation."

"I have given the KIC one week to abandon this course of action but as of 10 October 2018 the KIC was still insisting on reconsidering its position. I am sick and tired of the chicaneries of the KIC and as a result, Rex will no longer be continuing the two weekly return services that were recently reinstated. Details of the changes will be released within a week."

"This very marginal route has consumed too much management effort and I have directed my staff to no longer entertain any more discussions with KIC or with any intermediaries."

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