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## **Rex rejects screening charge**

Another airline is speaking out against planned new charges at the Mildura airport to be implemented next year.

Sharp Airlines has pulled its Mildura-Adelaide service, partly because it says new airport charges next year will give it no chance of making the service viable.

Passenger screening is already in place for Virgin flights and from July next year it will be required for Qantas services.

The airport is planning for the cost to be spread across all the airlines but Regional Express (Rex) is objecting.

It has written to airport management saying it will accept the inconvenience but not the cost of screening and that the cost should be met in full by the airlines required to do it.

It says if Sharp's estimate of \$20 for a one-way ticket is correct, it would threaten the ongoing sustainability of Rex's Mildura operations.