

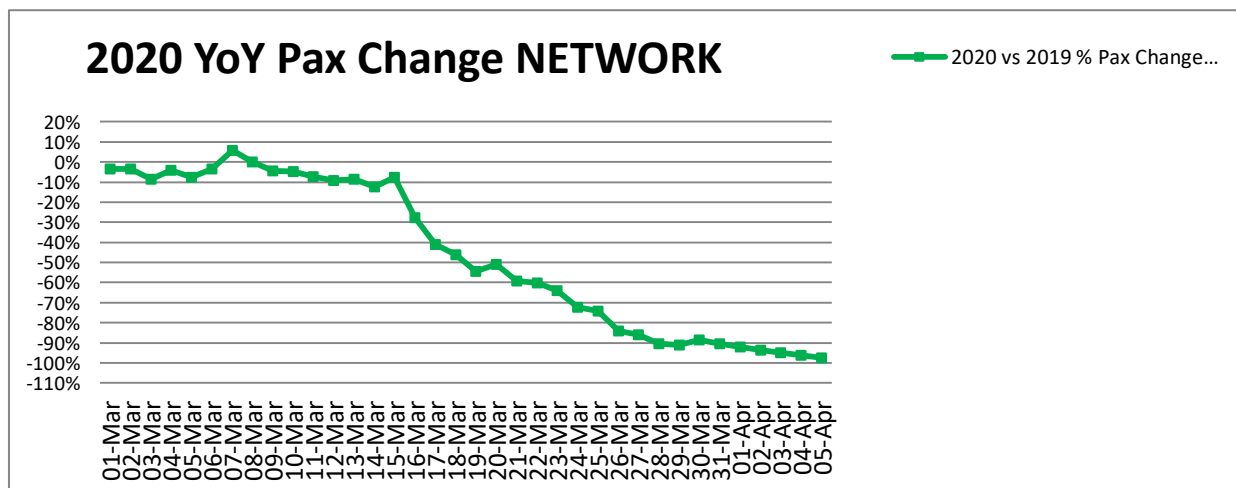
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MEDIA RELEASE

REX PROVIDES UPDATE ON ROUTE PLANS

Regional Express (Rex) wishes to update the 54 regional and remote communities that are serviced by Rex on its immediate plans for the suspension/reduction of services so that they could be prepared for the drastic changes.

Rex has communicated, several times in the past two weeks, that the significant drop in passenger numbers means that air services are no longer viable:



Rex's original plan was to shut down its entire network to conserve cash as otherwise Rex will run out of cash in a matter of weeks.

Two State governments, Queensland and Western Australia, have responded to Rex's appeal on [19 March](#) for a partnership approach to keep minimum essential services going. Discussions are very advanced and the new schedules for these two states will be revealed once matters are finalised. No other States have shown any interest.

Fortunately for regional Australia, the Federal Government has stepped in to provide funding to support one return service a week. Rex has submitted an application today for this funding and the proposed flight schedules for New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania are appended below. Rex has also applied for funding for Western Australia and Queensland and the Federal-funded routes will be added on to the State-funded routes.

If Rex's application is not successful then Rex will have to suspend services in all states without State Government assistance. The outcome for Federal funding is expected the end of next week and in the meantime Rex will operate schedules that at least match what we have proposed for the State and Federal funding.

Rex' Deputy Chairman, the Hon John Sharp AM said, "Rex is fully mindful of the horrifying consequences to regional and rural communities like Broken Hill that may face either not having any air services or having a dramatically reduced air service."

"Lives could be lost because medical samples could not be tested in a timely manner or blood could not be transported. Rex had been fulfilling this critical and essential community service role in the past two decades without assistance from anyone, and often even losing money on communities with very small passenger numbers, because our heart is in the country and we were profitable enough to do so."



Regional Express

“Rex apologises that it can no longer continue shouldering this burden as we are fighting for our own life. Rex’s first priority is to survive this crisis so that regional and rural communities can count on our air connections to rebuild after the crisis, and long into the future.”

“Rex wishes to once again thank the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael McCormack, and the Morrison Government for their leadership and decisiveness in stepping in so promptly to rescue regional aviation, which is ultimately a State and Local Government responsibility.”

“Without this immediate intervention, Australia would not have a single regional airline left standing.”

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia’s largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of 60 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,500 weekly flights to 59 destinations throughout all states in Australia. In addition to the regional airline **Rex**, the **Rex Group** comprises wholly owned subsidiaries **Pel-Air Aviation** (air freight, aeromedical and charter operator) and the two pilot academies **Australian Airline Pilot Academy** in Wagga Wagga and Ballarat.

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APPENDIX

Proposed Regional Express (Rex) Weekly Return Services

New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania

(Subject to Federal Government funding. Details for Western Australia and Queensland will be released once confirmed with respective State Government)

ROUTE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Adelaide to Broken Hill	1				
Adelaide to Ceduna		1			
Adelaide to Coober Pedy					
Adelaide to Kangaroo Island		1			
Adelaide to Mildura					
Adelaide to Mount Gambier		1			
Adelaide to Port Lincoln	1				
Adelaide to Whyalla	1				
Melbourne to Mildura	1				
Melbourne to Albury / Wagga Wagga*	1				1
Melbourne to Burnie / King Island*	1				1
Melbourne to Merimbula		1			
Melbourne to Mount Gambier		1			
Sydney to Albury	1				
Sydney to Bathurst / Parkes*	1				1
Sydney to Dubbo / Broken Hill*	1				1
Sydney to Grafton / Lismore*			1		1
Sydney to Griffith / Narrandera*		1		1	
Sydney to Moruya / Merimbula*		1		1	
Sydney to Orange		1			
Sydney to Cooma (Snowy Mountains)		1			
Sydney to Wagga Wagga	1				

*Combined services

Suspended Routes (from 6 April 2020):

Adelaide – Port Augusta

Sydney – Newcastle

Sydney – Armidale