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## MEDIA RELEASE

### MANDATED NUMBER OF OPERATING CREW MEMBERS ON THE FLIGHT DECK DURING FLIGHT

In response to worldwide attention on the mandated number of operating crew members on the flight deck, Regional Express (Rex) is releasing details of its standard operating procedures for all Regular Public Transport (RPT) flights.

Rex's Chief Operating Officer Neville Howell said that all Rex procedures were constructed with safety and security first and foremost in mind.

"Since 2011, we have mandated in our Flight Crew Operating Manual (FCOM) that two crew members must be on the flight deck at all times during flight as the following excerpt demonstrates:

*Another crew member must be present on the flight deck when one of the required flight crew leaves the flight deck during flight and the flight deck door is locked.*

"Rex agrees with the Deputy Prime Minister's decision to mandate two crew members on the flight deck during flight, however, we believe this requirement should not be restricted to an aircraft with a seating capacity of 50 and above. All RPT flights requiring the carriage of a flight attendant should be subject to this requirement."

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 40 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,300 weekly flights to 53 destinations throughout New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland. 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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