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## MEDIA RELEASE

### REX ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY FARE FOR MOUNT ISA – CAIRNS ROUTE

Regional Express (Rex) has today announced the introduction of a new “Rex Community Fare” Scheme for the direct Mount Isa – Cairns route.

The \$198 “Rex Community Fare” (Rex Promo) will be made available on up to 30% of seats on every direct flight between Mount Isa and Cairns if booked at least 30 days prior to departure. Furthermore, all unsold seats one day prior to departure will be available at the Rex Community Fare level. This scheme will provide the local community with access to affordable fares when planning travel in advance or, more importantly, when last-minute travel is required, when fares can be at the highest. The Rex Community Fare is available to anyone, and does not come with the administrative burden associated with providing proof of residence.

Mount Isa Airport has partnered with Rex for this initiative, with the provision of reduced airport charges for each Community Fare sold through until 30 June 2018. Rex will commit to extending the Community Fare between Mount Isa and Cairns into FY19 subject to the continuation of the arrangement with Mount Isa Airport. Regrettably, Cairns Airport is not willing to support this initiative, which was designed to assist the less fortunate.

The Rex Community Fare Scheme, which was first implemented by Rex in Western Australia on the Albany - Perth and Esperance - Perth routes, has since been introduced in the communities of Broken Hill, Burnie, Moruya and Parkes. The continued roll-out of the Rex Community Fare Scheme across the Rex network demonstrates the initiative’s success in providing regional and remote communities with more affordable air travel.

Steve Jones, Rex’s State Manager for Queensland said, “Residents of regional communities are more reliant on, and exposed to higher transport costs than those living in larger population centres. Rex’s primary mission is to provide safe and reliable air transport at affordable fares to regional Australia; the Rex Community Fare helps to achieve this and will bring significant socio-economic benefits to the residents of the beneficiary communities”

Kevin Gill, Mount Isa Airport Chief Operating Officer said, “Mount Isa Airport, along with our owner operator Queensland Airports Limited, have long supported the calls for reduced airfares in regional Queensland. We commend Rex on this initiative and are happy to support for the benefit of the local community.”

The Rex Community Fare (Rex Promo) is available for purchase via [www.rex.com.au](http://www.rex.com.au)

**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 59 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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