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REX REDEPLOYS DUBBO SERVICES

Regional Express (Rex) has today announced that it will redeploy services from the Dubbo to Sydney route to the Wagga Wagga to Sydney route with effect from April 2013.

Rex had earlier announced on 28 February 2013 that it would set in motion plans for the redeployment of Dubbo services to other NSW regional centres that do not impose charges for airport screening.

This followed a decision by Dubbo City Council (DCC) that requires Rex passengers to be screened and to pay screening charges of about \$9.00 per departing passenger which equates to an annualised screening charge to Rex of more than \$300,000 for a requirement that is only legally applicable to QantasLink Q-400 operated services.

Effective from April 2013 the number of Rex services between Dubbo and Sydney will be cut from 82 weekly services to 73 weekly services, equating to a reduction in annual seats of 15,912. The Dubbo to Sydney cutbacks will see week day services reduced from 7 return services to 6 return services. The reduction of 9 weekly frequencies between Dubbo and Sydney are all linked to peak Sydney airport slots which have been reallocated to Rex's Wagga Wagga to Sydney route.

Commenting on the Rex network changes, Rex General Manager of Network Strategy and Sales said that "Rex had to respond to the significant screening charges being imposed by Dubbo airport as it represents a material step-change in operating costs of more than \$300,000 on an annualised basis. Such screening costs don't exist elsewhere in our NSW regional network, including at Wagga Wagga, where Rex also operates parallel services with QantasLink Q-400 services on the Wagga Wagga to Sydney route"

"Rex will continue to redeploy its Dubbo resources over the next few years whenever suitable opportunities present themselves."

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 35 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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