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REX APPLAUDS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON ACCESS TO SYDNEY AIRPORT FOR REGIONAL AIRLINES

Regional Express (Rex) applauds the federal government on its decision to ensure that continued access to Sydney's Kingsford Smith Airport remains in place for regional airlines and the New South Wales regional communities that rely on the essential transport link.

The federal government has confirmed that from 1 July 2016, the current pricing controls put in place following the privatisation of Sydney Airport in 2002 will remain, whereby the aeronautical and facility charges imposed by Sydney Airport Corporation Limited will be subject to oversight and approval by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

This is a continuation of the government's long-standing policy of ensuring those airlines operating intrastate to regional communities within New South Wales are not priced out of access to Sydney Airport by exorbitant fees and charges.

Rex Chief Operating Officer Mr. Neville Howell said the airline welcomes the decision by the federal government to ensure regional airlines have continued access to Sydney Airport.

"Rex commends the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Hon Darren Chester MP for his continued commitment to regional New South Wales and for recognising the critical importance of affordable access to Sydney Airport for rural communities to conduct business, receive medical treatment or to visit friends and relatives."

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 58 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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