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Rex expands in QLD

Regional Express will become the second carrier to operate flights to Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport from 01 Jan 2015 as part of three new regulated routes awarded by the Qld Government.

Dubbed the Gulf Route, Rex will fly from Cairns to towns including Normanton, Gununa (Mornington Island), Burketown, Doomadgee and Mount Isa.

The Western 1 Route & Western 2 Route will see Rex serve Toowoomba (Wellcamp), Quilpie, Cunnamulla, Thargomindah, Charleville, St George, Windorah, Birdsville, Bedourie, Boulia and Mount Isa, all from Brisbane.

The government's decision also saw the renewal of rights for two routes already serviced by Rex, from Townsville to Longreach, Winton, Mt Isa, Hughenden, Julia Creek and Richmond.

Tender applications to operate the routes closed on 27 Jun.

Rex general manager network strategy and sales Warrick Lodge said the carrier was honoured to have been chosen for the services to more than 20 regional towns.

"Rex has grown the passenger numbers on the Northern 1 and 2 Routes by close to 100% since it won the contract in February 2010 and has provided a level of reliability and quality that is unmatched in the State."

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