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Airline cuts outback NSW services

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Regional Express (REX) has cut the only air service to six communities in western New South Wales.

Services operated by Air Link from Dubbo to Bourke, Cobar, Coonamble, Lightning Ridge, and Walgett as well as Mudgee to Sydney will finish on December 20.

REX managing director Jim Davis has blamed soaring fuel prices, increasing regulatory requirements and the shortage of pilots for the move.

He says the routes are not subsidised by the State Government and a Federal Government rebate scheme is being phased out.