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Stormy Start to Rex Operations

TORRENTIAL rain and the cloud hanging over the Australian aviation industry did not deter Regional Express (REX) from launching its first flights from Newcastle Airport yesterday.

The new player in Newcastle's budget airline market sent two afternoon flights to Sydney and flights from Ballina and Sydney arrived at Williamtown, also in the afternoon.

Rex will operate two morning services today from Newcastle to Sydney and one in the evening, and an afternoon flight to Ballina.

There will also be a morning and evening flight from Sydney and one from Ballina.

The Sydney flights operated by Rex are competition to Aeropelican services, which has angered some of the Aeropelican staff.

Rex is the merged entity of regional operators Kendell Airlines and Hazelton Airlines that went into administration in 2001 following the collapse of Ansett Airlines.