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## **Rex to fly Sydney-siders to Newcastle**

Regional Express (REX) is moving its business into Newcastle, announcing new services between the region and Sydney as well as Ballina/Byron.

Subject to regulatory approval, commencing 30 October this year REX said it will fly three times daily, 38 weekly return flights between Sydney and Newcastle and kick off daily return services between Newcastle and Ballina/Byron Bay.

Targeting business travellers, the airline said its Sydney to Newcastle services would run Monday to Friday during times that are "convenient" for the working traveller as well as Saturday and Sunday.

Newcastle Airport chief executive Paul Hughes said the new services will assist leisure and business travellers from Sydney, with an additional 92,000 seats between the two cities.

"Newcastle Airport is currently one of Australia's fastest growing airports," Mr Hughes said.

"The impact of this new airline and new destination will not only provide passengers with greater choice, but have a significant and positive impact on the local economy."