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## Northern Territory Airports welcomes increased Jetstar flights between Darwin and Brisbane



Jetstar Australia has commenced six flights per week between Darwin and Brisbane from Wednesday 19 August, signalling renewed confidence for the domestic tourist market in the Northern Territory and Queensland.

Jetstar, Qantas and Virgin already operate a Darwin to Brisbane route, offering Territorians up to 15 non-stop services per week. Jetstar's increased frequency of this route will give locals more opportunity to access holiday destinations like Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast.

Conversely, the opportunity for Darwin to attract further visitation from Queensland will not only reunite some family and friends, it will also help to provide a much-needed boost to the local tourism industry.

NT Airports Chief Executive Officer Tony Edmondstone said this was a positive step forward for the tourism industry, with Queensland travellers generally making up 25 per cent of all interstate visitors to the Darwin and surrounds.

"The Top End welcomed 176,000 visitors from Queensland last year, worth approximately \$224 million in direct tourism expenditure", said Mr Edmondstone.

"That said, it's worth considering that the indirect value of these visitors is often worth 5-7 times that amount to the local economy."

"The Northern Territory is one of the safest places in Australia at the moment and where other destinations are also seen to be safe, such as Brisbane, we have seen strong performance from our airlines on these routes."

"Tourism is critical to the economic wellbeing of the Territory and the increase in flight services to Brisbane will provide much needed support for the tourism industry and local economy."

Mr Edmondstone said Darwin International Airport is primed, safe and ready to safely welcome Queensland travellers to the Territory.

"We understand that people may have concerns when travelling so we have tripled our cleaning frequency so that the airport is cleaned up to six times per day and in between flights," Mr Edmondstone said.

"Our priority is and always has been the safety and wellbeing of travellers, visitors, staff and contractors at each of our airports and we are doing all we can to ensure people are protected."

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## **About NT Airports**

*Northern Territory Airports Pty Ltd owns Darwin International Airport, Alice Springs Airport and Tennant Creek Airport. Airport Development Group (ADG) is the parent company of the group.*

*ADG is almost entirely owned by superannuation funds through two Australian companies: IFM Investors (77.4%) and Palisade Investment Partners Limited (22.6%). Membership of these superannuation funds include almost 70,000 Territorians.*

*As one of the NT's largest employers, we employ over 80 full-time employees and contract many other personnel to provide key airport services. Together with our airline customers, we handled over 2.4 million arriving, departing and transit passengers, and the combination of all of the on airport and off- airport businesses that support them contribute over 1.5% of the Gross State Product of the Northern Territory. We employ over 1600 people when including our airline customers.*

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