



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Airnorth set to expand services between Melbourne and Toowoomba**

Airnorth will expand direct jet services between Melbourne’s Tullamarine Airport and Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport (Wellcamp Airport) in Toowoomba from May 8, 2017.

Initially six additional flights will operate each week between Melbourne and Toowoomba and this will be boosted in June by a further two weekly services.

Airnorth’s chief executive officer, Mr Daniel Bowden said the new services were designed with Melbourne’s business customers in mind.

“Many business travellers need same day or overnight flight options and were keen to take advantage of Airnorth’s faster non-stop jet service.

“This will give Melbourne originating customers the opportunity to complete same day travel trips to and from Wellcamp Airport everyday.

“Since launching our services to Wellcamp Airport in March 2016 our customers have been delighted with the reliability of our services, the on-board catering and the overall comfort of our 76-seat Embraer E170 jet,” Mr Bowden said.

Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport commercial manager Ms Sara Hales said the Toowoomba and the Darling Downs communities had been very supportive of Airnorth and would welcome the extra services to the region.

In addition to the new Melbourne services, Airnorth will also add new seasonal Winter direct flights between Toowoomba and Cairns and Toowoomba and Townsville.

Airnorth will operate 38 flights a week in and out of Wellcamp Airport from June 9 this year.

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To celebrate the launch of the new services a special Melbourne to Toowoomba and Toowoomba to Melbourne sale for \$139.00\*. Bookings can be made by contacting your local travel agent, Airnorth's friendly reservations team on 1800 627 474 or by visiting our website at [www.airnorth.com.au](http://www.airnorth.com.au).

\*Fare quoted subject to availability at the time of booking, for one way travel from the 09/03/17 per person and includes all credit card fees and airport related charges. Fares and schedules are correct as at 08/03/17 and are subject to change without notice.

**Airnorth Melbourne - Toowoomba and Toowoomba - Melbourne (local times)**  
**Effective Monday 8 May 2017 (Non Daylight Savings)**

Flight Number	Departure Time	Arrival Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Melbourne - Toowoomba</b>									
TL131	0855	1105							
TL131	0730	0940							
TL131	1225	1435							
<b>Melbourne - Toowoomba</b>									
TL135	1525	1735							
TL135	1800	2010							
<b>Melbourne - Toowoomba</b>									
TL137	1850	2100							
<b>Toowoomba - Melbourne</b>									
TL130	0600	0825							
TL130	0930	1155							
<b>Toowoomba - Melbourne</b>									
TL134	1230	1455							
TL134	1505	1730							
<b>Toowoomba - Melbourne</b>									
TL136	1805	2030							
TL136	1550	1815							
TL136	1650	1915							



## Airnorth Fast facts

- Australia's second longest serving airline, founded in 1978
- Full service carrier headquartered in Darwin, NT
- Owns and operates Australia's newest regional jet fleet
- 330,000 passengers a year
- 300 departures a week
- 20 destinations – across the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland, Victoria and Timor-Leste
- 270 employees, including 70 pilots
- Qantas partner since 2001
- Fixed wing and rotary charter services for major operators in oil & gas, mining, defence and government.
- Now a wholly owned subsidiary of the world's largest Helicopter Operator, US Listed, Bristow Group Inc.

Destinations include:

Northern Territory	Western Australia	Queensland	Victoria	International
Darwin	Kununurra	Cairns	Melbourne	Dili, Timor-Leste
Gove [Nhulunbuy]	Broome	Townsville		
Groote Eylandt	Perth	Toowoomba		
Elcho Island	Mungalulu Truscott			
Maningrida				
McArthur River				
The Granites				
Tennant Creek				
Katherine				
Alice Springs				
Port Keats				

Airnorth provides direct connection to domestic and international flights through its partner airlines including codeshare arrangements with Qantas on most Airnorth jet services.

In 2015, Airnorth was acquired by international operator Bristow Helicopters enhancing the company's ability to offer a full service point-to-point logistics service.

