

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Airnorth to operate Darwin-Gove-Cairns route

Airnorth, the premier airline of Northern Australia, is pleased to announce that from 18 August it will commence operating return services from Darwin to Gove and onto Cairns, a route currently being serviced by codeshare partner Qantas Airways under their QantasLink brand.

Airnorth will operate full service daily flights in their state-of-the-art 76-seat Embraer E170 jet fleet.

“Airnorth have a continued commitment, as we have done so for many years, to providing quality scheduled air services to the communities of the Gulf region,” said Michael Bridge, Airnorth’s Chief Executive Officer.

“In introducing these services Airnorth will be able to continue to provide sustainable air services to Nhulunbuy for the long-term. Additionally we will also be seeking to expand the current codeshare arrangements which are in place across our domestic and international network with Qantas Airways to include the Nhulunbuy services”.

“Airnorth now operates an extensive airline and contract charter network covering most of Northern Australia as well as providing services to our nearest neighbour, Timor Leste and Manila in the Philippines.”

The airline also recently signed an interline agreement with Malaysian Airlines, enabling passengers to combine their domestic Airnorth itinerary with international flights from Darwin to Kuala Lumpur and beyond with their Malaysian Airlines itinerary.

#### Airnorth’s Darwin-Gove-Cairns Schedule (all in local times)

Flight Number	Departure Time	Arrival Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Darwin to Gove</b>									
TL160	0745	0900							
<b>Gove to Cairns</b>									
TL160	0945	1200							
<b>Cairns to Gove</b>									
TL161	1330	1450							
<b>Gove to Darwin</b>									
TL161	1520	1630							

Prices start from \$179.00 Gove to Cairns and from \$169.00 Gove to Darwin and bookings can be made, commencing this afternoon, online at [www.airnorth.com.au](http://www.airnorth.com.au), through Airnorth Reservations freecall 1800 627 474 or through your local travel agent.

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***Company background***

Headquartered in Darwin, Airnorth is now the premier airline based in Northern Australia and carries in excess of 300,000 passengers annually.

Airnorth is a full service carrier accommodating the needs of both business and leisure travellers, operating state-of-art regional jets through its interstate and international network and providing passengers with complimentary catering and a free baggage allowance.

The airline operates over 200 departures weekly, serving 17 destinations in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland and Timor-Leste including:

Darwin	Dili, Timor-Leste	Broome	Elcho Island
Gold Coast	Groote Eylandt	Gove [Nhulunbuy]	Karratha
Kununurra	Maningrida	McArthur River	Milingimbi
Mt Isa	Perth	Port Hedland	Townsville
Cairns			

Passengers can also earn and redeem Qantas Frequent Flyer points on all Airnorth scheduled services.

Airnorth, through its partnership with Qantas Airways, offer seamless connectivity including through check in and interline baggage facilities, with Qantas code sharing on the majority of Airnorth's Jet services.

In addition to scheduled departures, Airnorth operates contract and ad-hoc charter services for a wide variety of companies undertaking oil & gas, mining, defence and government activity.

Airnorth directly employs more than 200 staff in Darwin and provides indirect employment through the contracting of ground service operations across its destinations.

Airnorth has entered into an agreement with Billing and Settlement Plan, BSP Australia. This enables all IATA/BSP travel agents to ticket their clients on Airnorth ticket stock for all Airnorth itineraries.

