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Airnorth expresses confidence and invests a further \$25M into the Top-End economy with the delivery of their 5th Embraer Jet aircraft

Airnorth, Australia's premier regional Airline, is excited to announce the delivery of the airline's 5th 76-seat state-of-the-art Embraer E170 Jet aircraft. The aircraft arrived into Darwin International Airport on Sunday 11th September.

The arrival of this Jet represents another \$25M investment by Airnorth delivering some of the world's most technologically advanced aircraft into some of Australia's most remote regional communities.

Airnorth Chief Executive Officer, Daniel Bowden said that this additional E170 Jet aircraft will support further expansion of the airline's operations in both the regular passenger transport and charter markets.

"Airnorth is focused on consistent and sustainable growth of our operations in key niche markets predominantly in regional and Northern Australia through the delivery of quality air services to these regions." However Mr. Bowden, who has been at the helm of Airnorth for over one year now, went on to say "the Airnorth route network literally stretches the length and breadth of Australia with services from Perth in the West, Melbourne in the South, Toowoomba (Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport) in the East and of course our home base in Darwin."

The arrival of the 5th E170 Jet aircraft supports Airnorth's recent expansion into Toowoomba, with links to Melbourne, Cairns and more recently the announcement of direct Townsville to Toowoomba return services which in turn provides links between Darwin and Toowoomba in just 5 hours.

Chief Minister Michael Gunner assisted in commemorating the arrival of the E170.

"My government is committed to cementing Darwin as the capital of the north. The expansion of Airnorth's fleet is important to creating further links with Asia and rest of North Australia." Mr Gunner said.

Darwin International Airport Chief Airport Officer, Jim Parashos said that Darwin International Airport customers would be presented with a new range of benefits with the new service announcement.

"This investment indicates a confidence Darwin International Airport shares with Airnorth in the growing Northern Territory aviation market. As our homebased



carrier, we will continue to work with Airnorth to develop new route opportunities well into the future."

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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
- 21 destinations – across the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland, Victoria, Timor-Leste, and charters into Indonesia
- 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	Mungalalu Truscott			
Maningrida				
McArthur River				
Milingimbi				
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.

