

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### More Airnorth flights to Townsville

Airnorth are pleased to announce they are adding more services to their Townsville schedule. From 01 June 2014, Airnorth will be operating five weekly flights from Darwin to Townsville on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and a new service every Sunday.

“We are overwhelmed by the level of support we have received for this route,” said Mr Michael Bridge, Airnorth’s Chief Executive Officer.

“This support has allowed us to more than double our flights from Darwin to Townsville since we commenced services just over two years ago. We’ve made it easier and significantly quicker for our passengers to do business, visit family and friends or holiday in North Queensland. We’ve also made it easier for our passengers to connect on other carriers through to Mackay, Rockhampton and Gladstone,” he said.

“Additionally, we’ve received great support from Darwin Airport that has resulted in more Townsville residents utilising our flights to stop over in Darwin on their way to South East Asia,” said Mr Bridge.

NT Airports Director of Commercial and Aviation Development, Mr Jim Parashos, welcomed the increase on the popular route.

“To grow a service from two weekly flights to five in just over two years is proof that Airnorth’s innovative approach to seeking new markets is a winning one,” he said. “We’re thrilled that Airnorth is committed to growing their services in the Townsville region and improving the connectivity between the two cities.”

Internet airfares are currently on sale from **\$199\*** for one-way flights from Darwin to Townsville. Bookings can be made at [www.airnorth.com.au](http://www.airnorth.com.au), with Airnorth Reservations on 1800 627 474 or through your local travel agent.

#### Schedule: [all in local times]

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday				
TL182	Depart Darwin	07:00	Arrive Townsville	10:05
TL183	Depart Townsville	11:05	Arrive Darwin	13:20
Sunday – NEW SERVICE				
TL184	Depart Darwin	09:00	Arrive Townsville	12:05
TL185	Depart Townsville	12:35	Arrive Darwin	14:50

\*Airfare is one way only, includes all taxes and is subject to availability. Quoted airfare is available for internet bookings only. Credit card surcharges apply.

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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 185 departures weekly, serving 16 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

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.

