

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### More Airnorth flights to Darwin

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

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

“Their support has allowed us to more than double our flights since we started our Townsville to Darwin route, just over two years ago. Not only have we made it easier and significantly quicker for our passengers to do business or visit family and friends in the Top End, we are seeing more people utilising our flights to connect via Darwin on other international services to South East Asia,” he said.

“We’ve also received great support from our industry partners, Townsville Airport Limited and Townsville Enterprise,” said Mr Bridge.

Townsville Airport’s Chief Operating Officer Mr Kevin Gill says the increase to existing services is testament to Airnorth’s confidence in the region.

“This is wonderful news for Townsville. The service commenced in February 2012 as twice weekly, so an increase to five times weekly in June 2014 is indicative of strong travel demand. Since it’s commencement this service has provided some exciting new holiday options in the Northern Territory for Townsville locals, as well as international connectivity via Darwin,” Mr Gill said.

“We are thrilled to see so many passengers taking advantage of this service and we look forward to welcoming the additional service to the weekly schedule next year,” Mr Gill said.

Internet airfares are currently on sale from **\$199\*** for one-way flights from Townsville to Darwin. 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:

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|------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 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.

