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Airnorth Fares on Sale Toowoomba – Melbourne and Toowoomba - Cairns

Airnorth Australia's premier regional Airline, will commence non-stop Jet services between Toowoomba (Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport) and Melbourne, and also Toowoomba and Cairns from 14 March 2016.

Operating seven return flights a week every Monday to Friday and Sunday between Toowoomba and Melbourne and three return flights a week every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday between Toowoomba and Cairns, this new route opens up Melbourne and Cairns for residents of Toowoomba and their surrounding regions.

Business travellers, sporting enthusiasts and holiday makers are expected to be among travellers on the first flights. Residents will now be able to spend weekends in Melbourne or Cairns, attending some of Australia's leading sporting events or visiting North Queensland with its incredible diversity and unique attractions.

Internet fares are now on sale at www.airnorth.com.au and start from \$179* per person one way from Toowoomba to Melbourne and \$139* one way from Toowoomba to Cairns. Bookings can also be made by contacting Airnorth's friendly reservations team on 1800 627 474 or, through your local travel agent.

The new flights will also allow passengers from the Toowoomba region to easily connect onto international and other domestic services via Melbourne or Cairns.

Airnorth CEO, Daniel Bowden commented, "Initial support and interest in these services has been fantastic, and enquires are coming from various corporate and leisure markets. We look forward to welcoming new passengers on board and we are sure they will enjoy the product offering in our state-of-the-art Embraer E170 jets, coupled with our exceptional customer service plus more."

Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport General Manager Phil Gregory is excited by the 14th March launch of the new services and stated, "Toowoomba and surrounding regions has a catchment area of almost 400,000 people and by the time residents drive two hours to Brisbane Airport, park and then fly, a direct service from Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport would already have them at their destination in either Melbourne or Cairns.

Time is money for many travellers and we are very encouraged with the level of enquiries we are receiving for these direct jet service and expect early ticket sales, for introductory sale travel periods, to sell quickly."

* Subject to Regulatory Approval. Fare quoted is for online bookings only, subject to availability at the time of booking, for one way travel per person and includes all taxes. Credit card surcharges apply. Fares and schedules are correct as at 12/01/16 and are subject to change.

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Company background

Established in 1978 and with its hub based in Darwin, Airnorth is now the premier airline based in Northern Australia and carries in excess of 300,000 passengers annually and employs over 250 local staff.

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 210 scheduled Regular Public Transport (RPT) and Charter departures weekly, serving over 26 destinations across four countries, including:

Northern Territory	Western Australia	Queensland	Victoria	International
Darwin	Kununurra	Cairns	Melbourne	Dili, Timor-Leste
Gove (Nhulunbuy)	Broome	Townsville		Kupang, Indonesia
Groote Eylandt	Karratha	Toowoomba		Biak, Indonesia
Elcho Island	Port Hedland			Ambon, Indonesia
Maningrida	Perth			
McArthur River	Mungallulu Truscott			
Milingimbi	Christmas Creek			
The Granites				
Tennant Creek				
Katherine				
Alice Springs				

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, tourism and government activities. In 2015, Bristow Helicopters Australia Pty Ltd became the sole shareholder of Airnorth. This investment enables Airnorth to extend existing operations beyond fixed wing and link into Bristow rotary wing services, further enhancing the airline's capabilities to offer clients a full service point-to-point logistics solution, strengthening our operational position in Australia.

