



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Airnorth to operate Darwin-Katherine-Tennant Creek-Alice Springs route**

Airnorth announced today the expansion of its Northern Territory network with services to operate from Darwin to Katherine, Tennant Creek and onto Alice Springs commencing 19 October, 2015.

This new route further expands regional air services within Northern and Central Australia for Territorians and visitors to the region.

Airnorth will operate full service flights three times a week on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday in their 30 seat Embraer 120 aircraft.

Offering more options for business travellers and residents, Airnorth's new service provides convenient flight connections for onward journeys via Alice Springs and Darwin.

"Airnorth have a continued and ongoing commitment to providing quality scheduled air services to the regional communities of the Northern Territory and we are excited to be extending our Network within the region," said Daniel Bowden, Airnorth's Chief Executive Officer.

"Given population growth and increased business activity within the NT it is an ideal time to reintroduce the Centre Run services and we do so with a long term outlook of providing sustainable air services to Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

"Airnorth welcomes the support provided by the Northern Territory Government in launching the Centre Run services and values their continued commitment to developing our regional communities and enhancing remote area services," Mr Bowden said.

"Airnorth now operates an extensive airline and contract charter network covering most of Northern Australia as well as providing services to our nearest neighbours, Timor Leste and Manila in the Philippines," Mr Bowden said.

Customers on this service will be able to earn and redeem Qantas frequent flyer points and also access seamless connectivity via passenger and baggage through check.

Internet fares will be on sale from Friday 11 September at [www.airnorth.com.au](http://www.airnorth.com.au) and prices start, one way either direction, from \$149.00\* Darwin to Katherine, from \$249\* Darwin to Tennant Creek, and \$189\* Tennant Creek to Alice Springs. Bookings can be made via Airnorth Reservations freecall 1800 627 474 or through your local travel agent.



## Airnorth's Darwin-Katherine-Tennant Creek-Alice Springs Schedule (all in local times)

Flight Number	Departure Time	Arrival Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Darwin to Katherine									
TL250	0730	0815							
Katherine to Tennant Creek									
TL250	0845	1005							
Tennant Creek to Alice Springs									
TL250	1030	1140							
Alice Springs to Tennant Creek									
TL251	1325	1435							
Tennant Creek to Katherine									
TL251	1500	1620							
Katherine to Darwin									
TL251	1650	1735							

\* 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 are correct as at 10/9/15 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 200 scheduled Regular Public Transport (RPT) and Charter departures weekly, serving over 20 destinations across four countries, including:

<b>Northern Territory</b>	<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>Queensland</b>	<b>International</b>
Darwin	Kununurra	Cairns	Dili, Timor-Leste
Gove (Nhulunbuy)	Broome	Townsville	Manila, Philippines
Groote Eylandt	Karratha	Mt Isa	Kupang, Indonesia
Elcho Island	Port Hedland		
Maningrida	Perth		
McArthur River	Truscott		
Milingimbi	Argyle		
The Granites	Christmas Creek		
Tennant Creek			
Katherine			
Alice Springs			

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.

In 2015, Bristow Helicopters Australia Pty Ltd acquired an 85 per cent share of Airnorth. This investment enabled Airnorth to extend existing operations beyond fixed wing to include rotary wing, further enhancing the airline's capabilities to offer clients a full service point-to-point logistics solution, strengthening their operational position in Australia.

