



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Airnorth announces new services Darwin to Port Hedland and Karratha, via Broome**

Today Airnorth announced the launch of two new services to Port Hedland and Karratha in Western Australia, from Darwin via Broome, continuing its expansion in the North Australian market.

The scheduled services will commence on 01 June 2010, initially twice weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays, providing a direct link between Karratha, Port Hedland and Broome. These services will also provide an important link between Darwin and the Pilbara for business and leisure with a flight time of a little over three hours.

Flights will open for sale today for travel from 01 June.

"This initiative provides a much-needed direct link between these two resource rich locations and also to one of Australia's favourite holiday destinations, Broome," Ms Simone Saunders, Chief Executive Officer of Airnorth said.

"The route will be operated by Airnorth's new generation E170 jet, the latest of which is scheduled to arrive in May 2010. We are launching these services to meet increasing demand following extremely positive discussions with both business and community representatives in the Pilbara, Broome and the Northern Territory".

With population and workforce demand increasing across this area of Western Australia it is a great time to expand travel options, provide increased flexibility for business travellers and boost tourism opportunities for Broome, Darwin and the Pilbara region", Ms Saunders said.

"The new flights will also enable passengers from the region to easily connect onto Southeast Asia and East Coast destinations via Darwin."

"The non-stop flight between Port Hedland and Broome will be 55 minutes, with a departure time of 1700 on Tuesdays. The direct travel time between Karratha and Broome on Fridays will be one hour ten minutes, with a departure time of 1045, perfect for a weekend break."

Leisure airfares will start from \$143\* between Port Hedland and Karratha, \$185\* between Port Hedland and Broome and \$181\* from Karratha to Broome. The new services will also provide additional capacity for weekend breaks from Darwin to Broome, with a 90 minute non-stop flight.

Reservations can be made at [www.airnorth.com.au](http://www.airnorth.com.au), with the Airnorth Reservations Office on 1800 627 474, or your local travel agent.





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

**Tuesday [from 01 June]**

Depart Darwin	1325	Arrive Broome	1340
Depart Broome	1415	Arrive Karratha	1525
Depart Karratha	1555	Arrive Port Hedland	1630
Depart Port Hedland	1700	Arrive Broome	1755
Depart Broome	1825	Arrive Darwin	2140

**Friday [from 04 June]**

Depart Darwin	0730	Arrive Broome	0745
Depart Broome	0815	Arrive Port Hedland	0910
Depart Port Hedland	0940	Arrive Karratha	1015
Depart Karratha	1045	Arrive Broome	1155
Depart Broome	1235	Arrive Darwin	1550

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**More information:**

Airnorth flies more than 250,000 passengers each year, more than the Northern Territory's entire population. Based in Darwin, the company operates regular scheduled flights throughout the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland and internationally to Timor-Leste. In addition to its scheduled airline services, Airnorth operates contracted air charter services for some of the world's leading mining and offshore companies including Xstrata, Newmont, BHP Billiton, Alcan, Rio Tinto, ConocoPhillips and Woodside as well as a number of Commonwealth Government agencies.

In May 2010, Airnorth will take delivery of its third 76-seat E170 Embraer jet and will continue to operate a fleet of 19 and 30-seat turbo-prop aircraft.

For further information on fares and schedules, go to [www.airnorth.com.au](http://www.airnorth.com.au)

\* Subject to regulatory approval. Fares are subject to availability, are for one-way travel and include all taxes. Conditions apply. Credit card surcharges apply. Fares are correct as at 13 April 2010 and are subject to change.

