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Airnorth appoints new Chief Executive Officer

Airnorth officially announces that after 17 years as Chief Executive Officer and 26 years with the company, Michael Bridge will be stepping down from his role.

Airnorth's current Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Daniel Bowden, has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer, effective Tuesday 28 July 2015.

This appointment was part of the planned transition following Airnorth's majority acquisition by Bristow Helicopters Australia Pty Ltd earlier this year.

Mr Bridge will remain a Shareholder and Director of the company and will serve in a business development role across both Airnorth and the wider Bristow group as well as assisting his successor during this transition period.

Mr Bowden commenced with the Bristow Group in 2008 working in senior finance and operational management positions for their Australia Business Unit and has been working with Airnorth for the last six months.

Mr Bowden is a member of CPA Australia and has over 17 years of experience in commercial, accounting and financial management in both the marine and aviation industries. He is also a Founding Director of Bristow Travel a Bristow wholly owned IATA accredited Travel Agency.

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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.

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:

Northern Territory	Western Australia	Queensland	International
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.

