

MEDIA ADVISORY



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The Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA) acknowledges the Federal Government’s announcement today and the commitment that regional Australia will continue to receive critical aviation services into the future.

“The RAAA strongly shares the view that regional and remote communities must have continued access to vital air services, and our member airlines remain committed to providing world-class aviation services to the regional communities we already serve’. RAAA Chief Executive Officer Rob Walker said.

“RAAA airline members look forward to being provided an opportunity to work with Government and the administrators as part of an upcoming competitive sale process by providing industry knowledge, and a range of options and potential solutions.

“Many RAAA member airlines already operate on the same routes with similar sized regional aircraft. We believe that we can collectively provide real industry-led solutions for the Government and help secure the future viability and sustainability of aviation support for regional and remote communities.

“We ask the Government to continue to consider all regional airline operators during the REX sale process. Providing services to regional and remote communities continues to be challenging for all operators, and the potential government ownership of one regional airline could lead to an an inequitable situation across the regional aviation industry.

“Ongoing assistance from State and Federal Governments to support regional airlines on some of Australia’s thinner regional routes is likely to be required and needs to be undertaken by Governments in an open, transparent and competitive process”.

The RAAA represents 40 successful airline and charter operators who provide critical aviation services across Australia daily and reminds all stakeholders that there is more than one regional airline operating in Australia.

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