Assistance to the Aviation Sector

Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS)

March 2021

Purpose

The Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS) will:

- increase the number of flights on routes to a range of regions heavily reliant on tourism to frequencies above minimum connectivity (creating tourism aviation surge capacity); and
- reduce the cost of flying for consumers by reducing ticket prices to those regions.

Who

Travellers will be able to take advantage of cheap fares to travel within Australia to regions impacted by the loss of international tourists. This will support jobs and have an economic multiplier effect, as travellers spend money on accommodation, food and activities in these regions.

The measure will also support increased domestic aviation activity, improving airline sustainability with subsequent flow-on benefits for aviation workers elsewhere in the sector through increased employment opportunities.

Where

The TANS program will reduce the cost of flying to the following initial regions:

- Broome
- Avalon
- Kangaroo Island
- Lasseter and Alice Springs
- Merimbula
- Launceston
- Devonport and Burnie
- Gold Coast
- Sunshine Coast
- Tropical North Queensland (Cairns)
- Whitsundays and Mackay (Proserpine and Hamilton Island)
- Adelaide
- Darwin
- *Townsville, and
- *Hobart

*Locations have been added to this factsheet on 15 March 2021.*
Design
Consumers will be able to access reduced ticket prices at the time of booking, rather than through a separate voucher or reimbursement system.

Increased flight frequencies on targeted routes will be negotiated and contracted with the relevant airlines flying those routes.

Timing
The TANS program will run from April. Tickets will need to be booked by 31 July for travel by 30 September 2021.

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