



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Communications

Connecting Regional Communities during COVID-19

Regional Airline Network Support (RANS)

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Purpose

The Australian Government has extended the Regional Airline Network Support (RANS) program to 30 June 2022 or until existing funding is expended, whichever occurs sooner. The program is designed to assist airlines maintain a basic level of connectivity across their network of regional routes through COVID-19. The program first commenced on 28 March 2020. The RANS program supports critical air services to connect regional Australia to freight, medical testing, supplies and essential personnel.

Who

Support under the RANS program will continue for eligible domestic regular public transport (RPT) airlines operating on eligible regional routes.

Design

RANS provides shortfall subsidies to maintain a minimum level of connectivity to regional and remote locations and will taper support as the industry recovers.

Timing

The RANS program will provide support up to 30 June 2022 or until existing funding is expended, whichever occurs sooner.

Contact

Guidelines for RANS are available on the GrantsConnect at www.grants.gov.au. For more information please contact COVIDrans@infrastructure.gov.au