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## **REGIONAL EXPRESS ANNOUNCES MORE FLIGHTS AND IMPROVED SCHEDULING TO BURNIE AIRPORT**

The Burnie Airport Corporation, Burnie City Council and Regional Express (Rex) have entered into a historic partnership arrangement. The partnership will see Rex provide additional aircraft and crew resources for the Burnie to Melbourne route to take the frequency of services up to five and potentially more services per day.

The State Development Fund Limited (SDF) has a 34.7% interest in the Burnie Airport Corporation. The SDF Chairman, Legh Davis, said that the partnering of Rex with BAC was an important strategic development following the recent withdrawal of Qantas from several regional airports around Australia including Burnie.

The Managing Director of Rex, Geoff Breust said:

“The joining of forces between Burnie City Council, Burnie Airport Corporation and Rex to work closely together to facilitate the additional services and provide a better schedule will mean increases in passenger numbers through Burnie Airport while maintaining fares at very affordable levels.”

Mr. Paul Arnold, General Manager of the Burnie City Council and Chairman of BAC said “It was imperative that we secure additional flights. The additional flight options are excellent news for commercial and leisure travelers.”

Burnie City Council will invest in providing assistance in sales and marketing activities and work closely with Rex, Tourism Tasmania, Cradle Coast Authority and Burnie Airport in promoting the services and the region especially for tourists.

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