





# **MEDIA RELEASE**

### NATIONAL JET EXPRESS LAUNCHES GLADSTONE AS 7th NEW PORT IN QUEENSLAND

National Jet Express (NJE), a Rex Group member, today announced a further expansion of its presence in Queensland, with new weekly charter services between Brisbane and Gladstone (continuing to Rockhampton) starting today.

Gladstone Airport, servicing one of Queensland's largest and growing mining, resources and industrial hubs, is NJE's seventh charter destination in Queensland. This comes just eight months after NJE launched its base in Queensland in July 2023.

These new weekly charter services to Gladstone, supporting client Air Charter Service, use NJE's modern and fuel-efficient De Havilland Dash 8-400NG ('Next Generation'). These aircraft are the perfect fit to support the mining, resources and construction industries across Queensland, and are in stark contrast to some of the ageing 20-30 year old aircraft operated by a number of NJE's competitors.

Given the ongoing strong demand for NJE's reliable and cost-effective services, NJE is committing to growing its fleet of Dash 8-400NG and Embraer E190 aircraft in Queensland and across Australia. Additional aircraft will join the NJE fleet before the end of this financial year.

The Rex Group is also the biggest regional operator of Regular Public Transport (RPT) services in regional and rural Queensland with 24 destinations, as well as being host to a growing network of domestic services using Boeing 737-800NG aircraft. NJE's growing presence in Queensland will allow the Rex Group as a whole to further expand on opportunities across charter and RPT services.

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NJE was founded in 1994 and with the introduction of an additional De Havilland Dash 8-400NG aircraft to support the new Queensland base and growth elsewhere across the network, NJE operates a fleet of nine (9) De Havilland Dash 8-400NG, in addition to its current fleet of six (6) Embraer 190 jets serving clients in the mining and resources sector across Australia.

Additionally, NJE operates four (4) British Aerospace 146s for night freight between Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and the Gold Coast and three (3) De Havilland Dash 8-100 aircraft for FIFO operations in Papua New Guinea and between PNG and Cairns. NJE has been part of the Rex Group since 1 October 2022.

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