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**SKYWEST AIRLINES LTD**

**("Skywest" or "the Company")**

**New And Resumed Routes**

**Skywest leads the airline on time performance in Australia for December**

Skywest, Western Australia's largest regional airline is pleased to announce a number of changes to its flight schedule from 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2009. Additionally, Skywest has once again proved its credentials as the frontrunner for punctuality – results released by the Australian Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics revealed that for the month of December Skywest achieved the highest On Time Departures in Australia, of any airline.

**Route Changes**

- Commencement of a new service linking Geraldton & Carnarvon with Karratha (3 times per week);
- Increase in direct Perth to Karratha jet services, taking the total to 5 times per week;
- Resumption of services to Darwin (4 times per week). The jet services will operate either via Broome and/or Kununurra; and
- Resumption of services between Exmouth and Broome.

**On Time Performance**

Results recently published by the Australian Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics show Skywest's December on Time Departures at 86.1% and On Time Arrivals at 85.7% for the month, compared to the national average of 79.0% for departures and 77.7% for arrivals.

Jeff Chatfield, Chairman said **"We are delighted to have expanded the airline network. We remain committed to providing a first class service to our customers and are pleased to have yet again achieved the highest on time departures in Australia. We will continue to strive to improve service quality."**

The Western Australian Minister for Regional Development, Brendon Grylls welcomed Skywest's new services. **"I congratulate Skywest on their continued efforts to provide services across regional Western Australia. The connecting flights between Geraldton/Carnarvon and Karratha is a step forward and will assist in the development of the mid west, Gascoyne and Pilbara regions."**

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