

Assistance to the Aviation Sector

Tourism Aviation Network Support Program (TANS)

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Purpose

The Tourism Aviation Support Network (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 expand aviation networks to a higher percentage of pre-COVID activity, thereby 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:

- Adelaide
- Broome
- Darwin

- Great Ocean Road
- Hobart
- Kangaroo Island
- Lasseter and Alice Springs
- Merimbula
- Tasmania (Launceston, Devonport and Burnie)
- The Gold Coast
- The Sunshine Coast
- Townsville
- Tropical North Queensland, and
- Whitsundays and Mackay region

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Design

Consumers will be able to access the 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 to 30 July 2021. Cheaper tickets can be accessed from early in the program period and will be available for bookings throughout the duration of program.

Contact

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