

QANTASLINK ANNOUNCES REVIEW OF HOBART, MILDURA AND CANBERRA BASES

- Today QantasLink has announced a review of its smallest bases in Hobart, Mildura and Canberra.
- While no decisions have been made, the review will look at the potential impacts of closing these base and relocating team members to larger bases in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.
- The announcement is part of a broader review of the airline's base structure, which is looking at ways to improve reliability for customers and support the growth of QantasLink's regional flying network as it introduces new aircraft into its fleet.
- If a decision is made to close the Hobart, Mildura and Canberra bases, it would impact around 70 QantasLink team members, with ongoing work available for all pilots and cabin crew in other locations.
- Any decision would not impact flights to and from these ports.
- While our Hobart, Mildura and Canberra bases have played an important role in QantasLink's network in the past, the majority of flying now originates from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.
- Having more people at these major ports would mean we have more crew on standby to respond to disruptions, which would reduce delays and cancellations for customers.
- It would also reduce complexity and costs, which is increasingly important in the face of rising operating costs, and enable us to continue growing our network and delivering more flights to regional communities.
- The review is ongoing and we will now consult with our people, and their union representatives, before making any final decisions.

Comments from QantasLink CEO Rachel Yangoyan:

"Today's announcement is part of an ongoing review of our base structure, which is focused on improving reliability for customers and ensuring we can continue to grow our regional flying network into the future.

"Having more team members based at our busiest ports would help us respond more quickly to disruptions and reduce delays and cancellations for our customers.

"If a decision is made to close these bases, there'll be ongoing work for all of our pilots and cabin crew, and we're committed to supporting our people through this process."

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