Extra Flights Highlight Confidence in the NT

The Northern Territory Tourism Minister Chris Burns said news of increased flights to the Territory is a vote of confidence in our economy.

Qantas today announced increased flights into and out of Darwin from Perth and Adelaide as part of its seasonal increase. This means an additional 2016 seats every week.

The national carrier’s announcement follows SkyWest’s news that flights between Darwin and Perth will be re-introduced from April.

“This is great news for the Territory,” Dr Burns said.

“More direct flights will bring additional holidaymakers and business people to the Territory, which will in turn, boost our economy.

“Having two airlines announce increased flight capacity into the Territory in a week is a great indication of confidence in the Territory during these tough economic times.

“We are not immune from the effects of the global economic crisis and there is no doubt some tourism ventures and airlines will feel the pinch.

“But the Northern Territory tourism and aviation industries have shown their resilience in the past.

“Both rebounded from the downturn following 9/11 and the collapse of Ansett and HIH in 2001, and continued to maintain a strong presence through other global impacts including the Bali bombings and the SARS outbreak.

“I’m confident that with announcements such as those by Qantas and SkyWest, both the tourism and aviation industries will weather the current global economic woes relatively well.”

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