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New Direct Flights between Darwin and Canberra Welcomed

The Territory Government today welcomed the announcement that direct flights between Darwin and Canberra will begin operation next year.

Minister for Tourism, Dr Chris Burns, said the new Qantas service will mean direct access to the Territory for visitors from Canberra and more convenient flights for the many workers that travel between Darwin and Australia’s capital.

“More direct flights to the Territory is great news and will mean over 1,000 seats in and out of Darwin each week,” Dr Burns said.

“Qantas has recognised that Darwin is experiencing strong growth and there is demand for the direct service.

“The Darwin to Canberra service will commence from 1 February 2010 and run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

“The new direct service from Canberra also provides us with better access to potential tourists from the ACT looking to experience some of our terrific tourism destinations.

“This is a further demonstration of Qantas’ ongoing commitment to servicing the Territory and our long standing relationship with them.

“Direct flights are an important factor in our tourism strategy and in influencing travellers to choose the Northern Territory destination for their holidays.

“I’m sure many Territory business people and public servants will also welcome today’s news,” Dr Burns said.

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