

Tiger Airways Roars Into Central Australia

Mr Ian Kew, Chief Executive Officer of Northern Territory Airports, today welcomed the announcement by Tiger Airways of three direct flights a week to Melbourne from Alice Springs commencing December 2007.

We are pleased that Tiger have announced a second Northern Territory destination in addition to the gateway of Darwin. We believe it is a strong reflection of the working relationship we have developed with Tiger Airways over the last 18 months.

Today's announcement is a huge boost to the Central Australian region, providing significantly increased capacity of over 50,000 seats per year to Alice Springs. Not only will this benefit the local community, but also opens doors of opportunity for local tourism operators with the expected resulting increase in inbound tourists.

Alice Springs will now have a vastly increased capacity to Victoria which is Australia's second largest source market. The city of Melbourne is also Australia's second largest international gateway after Sydney, and Tiger Airways is continuing to create further opportunities for Australia to capture international markets, in particular with passengers from the United Kingdom, Europe and North America.

Visitors from international markets are well aware of true, low cost carriers and are familiar with internet booking systems in arranging their own travel.

NT Airports looks forward to working with Tiger Airways in conjunction with existing domestic service providers in continuing to boost air service capacity to the Northern Territory.

For more information about Tiger Airways, visit www.tigerairways.com

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