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## **New Tiger Airways Service Launched – Rockhampton to Brisbane Daily**

Central Queensland today welcomes the announcement of Tiger Airway's new direct service between **Rockhampton and Brisbane** commencing as of 28 March 2010. These direct flights will be Tiger Airway's second service into Central Queensland, with the existing direct Melbourne flights having been launched in 2007.

Tiger Airways will offer the direct services daily from Rockhampton to Brisbane, fares go on sale today starting from just \$38\* for travel up to 30 October 2010.

Capricorn Tourism General Manager, Mr Alan Chamberlain welcomed the announcement, saying that the additional flights will provide more flexibility for all sectors of the travel market. "Holiday and leisure travellers will also benefit from this new service, as it provides for excellent access both to and from Brisbane, making a long weekend away or a 'fly-drive holiday' an ideal option".

Capricorn Tourism Chairman, Mr Grant Cassidy commented, "With Tiger to join Virgin Blue, Qantaslink & Jetstar with direct Brisbane-Rockhampton flights into Central Queensland, Rockhampton is clearly at the forefront as the region's air transport hub, providing excellent links to the extensive road and rail network already centred here in Rockhampton."

David Blackwell, Director, Rockhampton Airport, welcomed the news as a significant benefit for the region. "This is an excellent opportunity for Central Queensland and we are very pleased with Tiger's vote of confidence in our region," he said.

This announcement from Tiger Airways marks their first ever intrastate route in Australia and has strong support from the Rockhampton Regional Council, Capricorn Tourism and the local industry and community.

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