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MEDIA RELEASE – COMMUNITIES INVITED TO HELP DELIVER FUTURE OF REGIONAL AVIATION

The Crisafulli Government is returning to Gregory to continue listening to locals as part of the next phase of consultation on the future of regulated regional air services in Queensland.

Sessions being held over coming weeks mark the second round of community consultation, building on initial engagement sessions held at the end of 2025.

The Crisafulli Government currently funds seven regulated and subsidised air routes to ensure Queenslanders living in regional and remote communities can access vital medical, educational, social and business services.

Queensland communities, including those in Gregory, are again being invited to help shape the next generation of regional aviation services across the state.

In line with the Crisafulli Government's commitment to listen to Queensland's regional communities, in-person consultation sessions will be hosted by the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Winton on January 30 and Birdsville on February 2.

The State Government is also engaging with councils, industry stakeholders and local MPs to ensure a wide range of perspectives are considered.

With current contracts due to expire in December 2026, this second round of consultation is a key step in preparing for the next generation of aviation service contracts.

Member for Gregory Sean Dillon said unlike the former Labor Government, the Crisafulli Government was committed to genuinely listening to regional Queenslanders and delivering reliable, accessible and affordable transport options that reflect community needs.

"Air services are a lifeline for regional and remote communities that allow Queenslanders to access essential services, participate in business opportunities and stay connected with family and culture," Mr Dillon said.

"The feedback already received will directly inform future aviation contracts and we look forward to talking with those on the ground for a second time to help ensure services are delivering for the people who rely on them most.

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“We want every Queenslanders, no matter where they live, to have confidence that this government will deliver transport options they need and deserve and this consultation is a critical part of achieving that outcome.”

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will host an in-person public consultation session at the Winton Neighbourhood Centre Training Room on Friday, January 30 from 8am-11am and at the Birdsville Town Hall on Monday, February 2 from 3.30pm-6.30pm.

Community members unable to attend in person can contact the Department via email to arrange a phone or online session. Feedback can also be submitted via email to regionallairservicesengagement@tmr.qld.gov.au.

More information on regional regulated air services is available at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/travel-and-transport/long-distance-air-services.

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