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QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS LIMITED - NEW PASSENGER MOVEMENTS RECORD SET IN 2010

The Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) Group and each of the three airports it owns and operates at Gold Coast, Townsville and Mount Isa all achieved new record passenger movements in 2010.

QAL Group passengers in aggregate were up by more than 10 per cent on 2009, with more than 7.3 million people passing through the three airports.

Gold Coast Airport has exceeded five million passengers for the first time in a calendar year, a result of a 12 per cent increase on 2009.

Gold Coast Airport's international passengers grew by 16 per cent, with almost 800,000 of the 5.4 million total movements recorded in 2010 being international passengers.

Domestic passenger movements were up by more than 11 per cent in the past year resulting in a record 4.7 million domestic passengers.

Townsville Airport continues its solid performance with growth of almost five per cent, exceeding 1.6 million passengers for the first time. This was another record result.

For the month of December, passenger movements increased by almost nine per cent on the same time last year.

Mount Isa Airport, heavily impacted by the GFC during 2009, has rebounded strongly. The airport has had a record year with passenger movements increasing by almost 25 per cent. Total annual passenger numbers has exceeded 200,000 for the first time.

QAL Managing Director Dennis Chant said the overall aggregate growth for the Group and the new record passenger movements reported for each airport was a significant achievement.

"These record results reflect an improving sentiment in the aviation market here in Australia and more globally.

"This is a solid performance by our airports and airline partners.

"We are certainly very pleased to see these new record passenger numbers, particularly as our airports are located in regional Queensland. These passengers represent both business and leisure travellers and highlight the economic significance of regional airports in Australia," Mr Chant said.

"We continued to invest heavily in infrastructure projects at our airports across Queensland last year. We officially opened our \$100 million terminal redevelopment at Gold Coast Airport in January; we completed runway overlay maintenance projects at both Gold Coast Airport and Mount Isa Airport; we completed major car park projects at both Townsville and Gold Coast Airports; and we undertook a significant terminal redevelopment project at Mount Isa Airport during 2010.

“We will continue to develop our aviation precincts and invest in major infrastructure projects in 2011,” Mr Chant said.

Passenger movement figures for the 2010 calendar year are summarised below:

Airport	Passengers – 2010	Passengers – 2009	Growth (compared to 2009)
Gold Coast			
Domestic	4,691,888	4,203,815	11.6%
International	788,367	677,756	16.3%
Total	5,480,255	4,881,571	12.3%
Townsville	1,644,089	1,568,380	4.8%
Mount Isa	211,233	169,836	24.4%
QAL Group	7,335,577	6,619,787	10.8%

In the calendar year 2010, an additional 21,698 transit passengers passing through Gold Coast Airport.

Passenger movement figures for December 2010 are summarised below:

Airport	Passengers – December 2010	Passengers – December 2009	Growth (compared to December 2009)
Gold Coast			
Domestic	418,460	350,574	19.4%
International	75,704	70,478	7.4%
Total	494,164	421,052	17.4%
Townsville	144,180	132,688	8.7%
Mount Isa	19,258	14,111	36.5%
QAL Group	657,602	567,851	15.8%

Due to commercial confidentiality, QAL is not able to release passenger movements for an individual airline. As Townsville Airport only has one international service, QAL is unable to release specific international passenger numbers. International passenger numbers are included in the total for Townsville Airport.

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