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QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS LIMITED - RECORD PASSENGER MOVEMENTS FOR FY2009/2010

The three airports owned and operated by Queensland Airports Limited at Gold Coast, Townsville and Mount Isa had almost 7 million passenger movements for the 2009/10 financial year. This is an increase of 9.7% over the previous year.

In a difficult period, all three airports experienced year on year growth. Mount Isa and Townsville recorded growth of 1.2% and 3.8% respectively whilst Gold Coast experienced a strong 12% increase.

With an international throughput for the year in excess of 755,000 Gold Coast cemented its position as the fifth busiest international airport in Australia. With a total of 5,170,019 domestic and international passengers it is the country's sixth busiest airport overall. Growth in international passenger movements was 47.8%.

"It is pleasing to record growth in passenger movements across the Group during what has been the most challenging year since 2001", said Dennis Chant, Managing Director of Queensland Airports Limited.

"Our three airports have received strong support from our airline partners with all three experiencing significant increases in airline seat capacity and new route development", he said.

The year ended on a high note with all three airports achieving encouraging growth outcomes for the month of June.

FY2009/2010 passenger movements and June 2010 passenger movements shown below:

Airport	June 2010		FY2009/2010	
	Passengers	Growth (compared to June 09)	Passengers	Growth (compared to FY 2008/2009)
Gold Coast - total	412,051*	+17.9%	5,170,019 *	+12.0%
Domestic	355,015	+16.4%	4,414,448	+7.6%
International	57,036	+27.9%	755,571	+47.8%
Townsville	139,140	+3.8%	1,597,845 *	+3.8%
Mount Isa	17,691	+22.5%	184,860	+1.2%
QAL Group	568,882	+14.2%	6,952,724	+9.7%



“To accommodate and foster this growth the QAL Group has invested heavily in infrastructure during the year.

“We opened the new \$120 million terminal at the Gold Coast, undertook overlays of the runways at Townsville, Gold Coast and Mount Isa, started work on the upgrade of the Mount Isa terminal and on carpark projects at Townsville and Gold Coast Airports,” Mr Chant said.

Note -

* There were an additional 120,015 transit passengers pass through Gold Coast Airport and 47,263 through Townsville Airport in FY 2009/2010.

* There were an additional 955 transit passengers passing through Gold Coast Airport in June 2010.

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