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### SIZZLING SUMMER SEASON FOR QAL AIRPORTS

With the mercury rising, Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) has topped off a sizzling 2006 with strong growth across its three airports: Gold Coast, Townsville and Mount Isa.

The group welcomed more than 878,000 passengers over the months of November and December 2006, representing increases at each airport.

"Our overall passenger movements for the first half of the 2007 financial year are up more than 6% on the same period last year," said QAL Managing Director Dennis Chant.

"Mount Isa and Townsville continued their strong growth on the back of the mining boom.

"Meanwhile, Gold Coast passenger figures for November were up almost 5% on the same period last year and continued to hold steady through the traditionally quiet pre-Christmas season in December.

"Overall, this is a pleasing result considering most of the domestic airlines are now using their fleet to full capacity and Australian Airlines ceased operations into the Gold Coast at the start of this financial year."

**November / December 2006 passenger movements for QAL airports:**

Airport	Monthly passenger movements					
	Nov - 06	Nov - 05	% change	Dec - 06	Dec 05	% change
Gold Coast	308,620	291,296	5.95%	316,372	316,342	0.01%
Mount Isa	13,464	11,380	18.31%	12,533	10,524	19.09%
Townsville	113,478	99,268	14.32%	113,558	105,366	7.78%
QAL Total	435,562	401,944	8.36%	442,463	432,232	2.36%

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