



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS LIMITED - PASSENGER MOVEMENTS JULY 2011**

The three airports owned and operated by Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) at Gold Coast, Townsville and Mount Isa recorded more than 620,000 passenger movements collectively for the month of July. This was a decrease of 4.3% for the QAL Group over the same period last year.

Gold Coast Airport recorded 445,337 passengers, a decrease of 7.2% over July last year.

Of this 380,211 were domestic passengers and more than 65,000 were international travellers.

Domestic passengers decreased by 8.6% however international passenger numbers increased by 1.7%.

Townsville Airport reported an increase in passenger movements for July with more than 157,000, an increase of almost 3%.

Mount Isa Airport passenger numbers continued to grow recording 19,566 passengers, an increase of 13.7%.

QAL Managing Director Dennis Chant said the aggregated decrease in passenger movements was as a result of a number of broader economic factors and industry specific ones such as the grounding of Tiger Airways.

“We have a period of lower consumer confidence which is having an impact particularly at Gold Coast Airport. We have seen a reduction in capacity particular to leisure ports and there are also fewer discounted fares in the market that are so important to sustain high growth in these leisure destinations.

“We will to continue to work vigorously on cooperative marketing activity with our airline partners and the tourism industry, both domestically and in international markets to promote the Gold Coast as a destination.

“Positively we are continuing to see growth in both Townsville and Mount Isa Airports as a result of the strong resources sector, the fly in fly out employment opportunities offered by the mining companies and the continued propensity for business travel in North and West Queensland,” Mr Chant said.

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Passenger movements for the QAL Group airports for July 2011 are summarised below:

| <b>Airport</b> | <b>Passengers –<br/>July 2011</b> | <b>Passengers –<br/>July 2010</b> | <b>Growth<br/>(compared to July 2010)</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Gold Coast     |                                   |                                   |   |
| Domestic       | 380,211                           | 415,805                           | -8.6%                                     |
| International  | 65,126                            | 64,043                            | 1.7%                                      |
| Total          | 445,337                           | 479,848                           | -7.2%                                     |
| Townsville     | 157,658                           | 153,520                           | 2.7%                                      |
| Mount Isa      | 19,566                            | 17,203                            | 13.7%                                     |
| QAL Group      | 622,561                           | 650,571                           | -4.3%                                     |

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