



## MEDIA RELEASE

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

The three airports owned and operated by Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) at Gold Coast, Townsville and Mount Isa recorded more than 588,500 passenger movements collectively for the month of August. This was a decrease of 5.3% for the QAL Group over the same period last year.

Gold Coast Airport recorded 419,069 passengers, a decrease of 7.5% over August last year.

Of this 351,997 were domestic passengers and more than 67,000 were international travellers.

Domestic passengers decreased by 8.6% and international passenger numbers decreased slightly by 1.4%.

Townsville Airport also reported a slight decrease of 1.2% in passenger movements for August, with 148,219 passengers passing through the airport.

Mount Isa Airport passenger numbers continued to grow, recording 21,286 passengers, a significant increase of 15.4%.

QAL Managing Director Dennis Chant said the aggregated decrease in passenger movements for the Group was a result of various factors.

“Whilst we experienced a reduction in capacity at Gold Coast Airport due largely to the grounding of Tiger Airways, we welcomed their return to Gold Coast skies on August 31 and are working with the airline to build capacity into the region.

“Gold Coast Airport continues to proactively drive cooperative marketing activity with both our domestic and international airline partners to promote the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers regions.

“Townsville Airport passenger numbers remain steady as the propensity for business travel continues.

“Mount Isa Airport numbers continue to grow on the back of a strong resource sector, reaching a milestone of 20,000 passengers for the first month ever,” Mr Chant said.

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

<b>Airport</b>	<b>Passengers – August 2011</b>	<b>Passengers – August 2010</b>	<b>Growth (compared to August 2010)</b>
Gold Coast			
Domestic	351,997	385,161	-8.6%
International	67,072	68,040	-1.4%
Total	419,069	453,201	-7.5%
Townsville	148,219	150,006	-1.2%
Mount Isa	21,286	18,444	15.4%
QAL Group	588,574	621,651	-5.3%

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