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Reliable flights a priority for Council

Lower Eyre Council is continuing to work with Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) airlines to avoid further disruptions and risk further detriment to community connectivity following Regional Express' announcement regarding its forecast negative financial end of year position.

Lower Eyre Council Chief Executive Officer Delfina Lanzilli and Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley want to reassure the community that as owner and operator of the Port Lincoln Airport, Lower Eyre Council is fully committed to continuing to explore avenues to maintain and further improve RPT services.

“Council is proactively positioning and planning to pitch Port Lincoln Airport as a preferred route destination to other airlines and we have been building a business case for a future model that will better support this,” Mayor Quigley said.

Ms Lanzilli said Council was mapping a multi-prong approach to secure Port Lincoln-Adelaide air connectivity with the development of an airline-focused Investment Prospectus as an attraction tool, and progressing negotiations with RPT airlines to secure existing and increase flights.

With the support of Eyre Peninsula Councils, Council has continued to actively advocate to the relevant government departments to address the financial inequity being experienced by the regions brought about as a result of changes to security screening regulations.

Mayor Quigley said Council was thrilled to see its Motion on Notice unanimously passed in Canberra at last week's National General Assembly of Local Government, designed to influence the Federal Government to reconsider the relevant legislation.

Mayor Quigley thanked the community for its continued support of the Port Lincoln Airport, and reiterated Council was taking a proactive approach to ensure the airport met the needs of the region now and into the future.

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