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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **New air services commence**

The new air services to Australia announced recently by Chief Minister Geoff Gardner commence on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, with the first scheduled charter flights of OzJet 737 aircraft. But the Norfolk Island community has a chance to see the new aircraft before that. On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, OzJet is conducting a proving flight to ensure that the new operation will run smoothly.

Mr Gardner said today that at its expense, OzJet has offered seats for around 50 key travel and media representatives to visit Norfolk Island and to sample OzJet in-flight services. Also on the flight will be OzJet managers and officials from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

The OzJet aircraft is due to arrive at 1.00 p.m. and to depart at 5.00 p.m. The airport terminal will be open all of that time, with the aircraft in close proximity to the terminal viewing area. For security reasons, it will not be possible for the public to board the aircraft.

“This new service will expand passenger capacity by 20% in the first instance, with the potential to grow further”, Mr Gardner said. “We also expect to be able to announce some exciting additional initiatives in the near future”.

Refreshments will be available at the terminal while the OzJet aircraft is on the ground. Also available will be information on the new flights and services.

Geoff Gardner  
**Chief Minister**

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