



## MEDIA RELEASE

### AIR NIUGINI FLIGHTS TO AUSTRALIA

Air Niugini would like to advise customers that due to the current outbreak of COVID-19 in Papua New Guinea, the Australian Government has placed further restrictions on the number of passengers on board each aircraft arriving into Australia from PNG. This is in order to manage the risk of arriving passengers subsequently testing positive for COVID-19 during their stay in quarantine facilities.

For the period 18<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March, flights from PNG to Cairns have been cancelled, and the number of passengers the airline is permitted to carry into Brisbane has been cut by 30%.

Air Niugini continues to operate five services a week to Brisbane, however as a result of the new restrictions there are no seats available on any Air Niugini flight to Brisbane until at least 27<sup>th</sup> March, and only limited seats thereafter.

**Some passengers already holding tickets will not be able to travel, and will be contacted and assisted to re-book their flights for later dates.**

Movement of freight between Brisbane and PNG (and vice versa) will not be affected by the new restrictions.

Air Niugini regrets the inconvenience caused, and appreciates our customers' patience while we manage our way through the latest restrictions imposed.

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Corporate Communications Department

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