

Finding a suitable buyer for Rex remains a priority

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) remains hopeful for a successful market-led sale of Rex Airlines to ensure certainty for regional and rural communities that depend on vital air services.

Additional support from the Albanese Government to assist administrators could help achieve this outcome and is welcomed as part of ongoing negotiations.

The potential for Commonwealth acquisition should not be taken lightly, and further details are needed on how the airline would operate under government ownership.

“For more than six months, regional residents have faced uncertainty about losing access to major cities — affecting their ability to visit family, access healthcare, and pursue business opportunities,” AAA CEO Simon Westaway said.

“We’ve been advocating for the Albanese Government to support the sustainable continuation of regional air services after the financial collapse of Rex and any assistance in the ongoing sale negotiations is welcome.

“Air connectivity is a lifeline for regional and rural Australia. It is essential that governments and industry work together to secure sustainable air services for the future.

“Many of our members have taken on significant debts to support Rex’s operations in regional areas.

“We urge the Albanese Government to continue working collaboratively with our airport community to secure a viable and long-term solution for these critical services.

“Greater competition in Australian skies will also help drive down airfares and ultimately benefit the flying public.”

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