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QANTAS Link reduction of service to Brisbane questioned

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has today questioned the QANTAS Link reduction of their air service to Brisbane.

Mr Windsor said he had received numerous complaints about the sudden removal of part of the Tamworth/Brisbane air service provided by QANTAS Link.

“It appears that the current two flights per day service have been reduced to one service per day.

Constituents have complained to me that the changes have occurred without any consultation with any representative groups or users and have impacted on service providers both outgoing and incoming to the area,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said he had written to QANTAS Link asking for clarification of future plans for the Brisbane – Tamworth route and also contacted the office of Federal Transport Minister John Anderson on the matter.

“This reduction in service does not appear to have been announced publicly by QANTAS Link and people who have been using the service have made plans for their future travel requirements based on what they believed to be an ongoing service.

To now halve that commitment in such a way shows the contemptible way that country people are treated in access to services like air transport and the need for the Federal, State and Local Governments to maintain their focus on ensuring quality air services to and from country communities continue,” Mr Windsor said.

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