



**Dr Chris Burns**  
ACTING MINISTER FOR TOURISM

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## **DAILY JETSTAR FLIGHTS WELCOMED**

The Northern Territory Government today welcomed the announcement by Jetstar to introduce a new daily flight between Melbourne, Darwin and Singapore from April 17 this year.

Acting Tourism Minister Chris Burns said this will provide travellers an alternative daylight flight between Melbourne and Darwin and a late afternoon flight from Darwin to Singapore.

“Territory families will benefit from access to more flights and the economic benefits of increased visitor numbers to Darwin,” he said.

“The new flights will double the Jetstar seat capacity from both Melbourne and Singapore, offering an additional 250,000 seats into Darwin each year.

“I’m sure Territorians will be pleased to have more low cost flights leaving during daylight hours.

“We are pleased to see the growing interest in Darwin and our strategic location for access into Asia and beyond.

“The Territory Government will work with Jetstar and industry partners to promote Darwin as a stopover for the additional travellers utilising these new flights.

“The introduction of these new flights will provide the Northern Territory tourism industry and economy with a positive boost.

“This new service highlights Jetstar’s confidence in the Northern Territory, and comes off the back of their decision last year to maintain the successful daily dry season service between Darwin and Melbourne throughout the traditional low season, that is having positive results.

“I’m sure Territorians will join me in welcoming these new flights,” Dr Burns said.

The announcement comes less than two months after Tiger Airways began their daily Melbourne to Darwin flights, which have already successfully attracted additional visitors to the Northern Territory.

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