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INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL AVIATION SERVICES

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RE: INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL AVIATION SERVICES

Lachlan Shire Council is geographically *The Heart of NSW*. Located in the state's central west, the largest town in the Shire, Condobolin is located 560km west from the states capital Sydney.

The Shire covers an area of 15,000 square kilometres with the towns and villages including Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo, Tottenham, Tullibigeal, Burcher, Derriwong, Albert and Fifield. Due to the significant distances in Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham, each have their own airport but do not have access to regular passenger transport (RPT) locally. The closest regular passenger transport services are available in Parkes, which is up to 2 hours and 20 minutes away for our furthest town.



Condobolin to Parkes	102km	1 hour and 10 minutes
Tottenham to Parkes	149km	1 hour and 50 minutes
Lake Cargelligo to Parkes	199km	2 hours and 20 minutes

The population of Lachlan is almost 7,000 residents and is positioned in Wiradjuri Country with over 16% of the Shire's total population identifying as Indigenous in the 2011 Census.

It is essential to the communities of Lachlan that Lachlan continues to have access to secure and regular passenger transport services to and from regional centres near Lachlan.

Lachlan strongly supports the regular passenger transport services of Parkes, Orange, Dubbo, Griffith and Wagga airports and advocates for these services to be continued and developed into the future.

Yours faithfully,

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