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### **CHRISTCHURCH AIRPORT WELCOMES JETSTAR EXPANSION**

Today's announcement that Jetstar is expanding its domestic services into regional New Zealand centres is being welcomed by Christchurch Airport.

Airport chief executive Malcolm Johns says additional airline servicing of the country's regional centres is excellent news.

"Connectivity is vital to the growth of regional economies. Additional flights will make it easier to move passengers, visitors and goods to and from these centres, creating jobs and economic growth."

Malcolm Johns says the news is also excellent for the country's tourism sector.

"This enables visitors – both domestic and international – to get off the main trunk line more easily and explore the excellent attractions our regions have to offer, again providing economic benefits."

Malcolm Johns says Christchurch Airport values the relationship it has with Jetstar, which celebrated five years of flying to the City last year.

"We look forward to working with Jetstar on this initiative going forward."

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*Christchurch Airport is the natural gateway to the South Island, which has long been the brand engine room of New Zealand. It is the busiest and most strategic southern air connection to the world's trade and tourism markets, having welcomed almost six million passengers in 2014. The airport is a major driver of the South Island regional economy, with some 6000 personnel working on the airport campus making it the largest site of employment in the South Island. It is one of the partners in the "South" initiative, which sees all 15 regional tourism organisations working collegially to promote the South Island.*

*Christchurch Airport's new integrated terminal was completed in April 2013 and is a factor in the airport consistently being rated by an independent international quarterly travellers' survey as the best airport in Australia and New Zealand.*

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