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### Adelaide secures direct Newcastle route with FlyPelican

Adelaide Airport has welcomed the announcement by FlyPelican that it will introduce the first regular airline service between Newcastle (NSW) and Adelaide from March 2018.

FlyPelican will operate three weekly flights per week on Monday, Tuesday and Friday to service tourism and business markets.

Newcastle is a growing tourism destination on the edge of Sydney's northern suburbs and these new flights will capitalise on this market, providing increased access to Adelaide and its regions.

FlyPelican is partnering with Alliance Airlines to operate the service, with the flight crew to be based in Adelaide.

Adelaide Airport Managing Director, Mark Young, said the new service was a welcome addition to Adelaide's growing domestic network.

"Newcastle has been one of our largest unserved markets and we've been keen to secure a service between our two cities for some time," Mr Young said.

"It is Australia's second largest regional city with many similarities to Adelaide, including its defence focus and proximity to the Hunter Valley wine region."

"It also provides a great alternative for passengers wanting to travel to and from the Central Coast, Hunter and North Coast regions without having to land in Sydney and find other transport options to get to Newcastle."

SA Tourism Minister, Leon Bignell, said: "The new direct link from Newcastle is a welcome addition to Adelaide Airport and South Australia's growing aviation success story.

"In less than two and a half hours, visitors from Newcastle and Sydney's northern suburbs can be out exploring Adelaide and the surrounding regions, experiencing the premium food and wine, stunning beaches and vibrant city culture South Australia is known for.

"Aviation growth provides greater access for interstate and international visitors, meaning more jobs and greater business opportunities for South Australians. Our visitor economy is at a record \$6.3 billion and announcements like this demonstrate we're on track to meet our target of \$8 billion by 2020."

FlyPelican CEO, Paul Graham, said: "As Newcastle's local airline, it is important to us to provide services the community needs.

"We are proud and excited to expand our network and give travellers greater choice with the new Adelaide direct route."

Tickets for the route are now on sale. For more information and flight details visit [www.flypelican.com.au](http://www.flypelican.com.au) .

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