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MEDIA RELEASE

GROWTH CONTINUES DURING JANUARY FOR QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS

Queensland Airports Limited had a strong start to the year, recording positive growth at all four of its ports during January 2020.

A total of 790,034 passengers passed through QAL’s four ports during January 2020, representing 1.5 per cent growth on the previous corresponding period.

Gold Coast Airport recorded its busiest day ever on Saturday, 4 January when 25,544 passengers were welcomed and farewelled – surpassing the previous record set just one week earlier.

Mount Isa Airport continued its stellar rise, recording 19.3 per cent growth in passenger numbers during January - its 10th consecutive month of growth.

A summary of the month’s results follows:

January 2020 results			
Airport	Jan 2020	Jan 2019	Change
Gold Coast	644,422	639,796	0.7%
Townsville	126,454	122,010	3.6%
Mount Isa	17,307	14,510	19.3%
Longreach	1,851	1,809	2.3%
Total passengers	790,034	778,125	1.5%

Queensland Airports Limited Chief Executive Officer Chris Mills said the results were a positive start to what will be a challenging year for aviation and the tourism sector more widely.

“Travel restrictions related to the novel coronavirus will see passenger numbers impacted in February and beyond,” he said.

“We are working closely with all levels of government on measures to mitigate the downturn. We support current initiatives encouraging Australians to holiday at home this year and increasing international marketing to stimulate visitation to Australia.”

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