

Premier's Circular

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TITLE

CHARTERING OF AIRCRAFT ON REGIONAL REGULAR PUBLIC TRANSPORT AIR ROUTES n the cost per passenger to use a closed

> charter flight is less than the cost per passenger to use a public service, and when air travel by a department or agency must be undertaken in an emergency.

BACKGROUND

Aviation services are important for Western Australia's social and economic wellbeing.

The Western Australian State Aviation Strategy supports the Government's vision to maintain and develop quality air services that are essential to regional and remote communities.

The Review of Regulated Regular Public Transport Air Routes in Western Australia, released in 2015, committed to a policy to support the ongoing social and economic development of communities through safe, affordable, efficient and effective aviation services.

The Government's position is to balance a light-handed approach to regulation of air routes with the need to maintain marginal air services for regional and remote towns. The policy objectives include:

- ensuring an adequate level of regular public transport air services on regional routes in WA;
- ensuring charter air services do not detract from the viability of regular public transport air services; and
- minimising direct costs to the State.