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NT AND EAST COAST TRAVELLERS GAIN DAILY BALI FLIGHTS FROM DARWIN

- **Jetstar to commence daily Darwin-Bali flights from December 2008**
- **Connections available to travellers from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, making these service the only daily offering between the east coast and Bali**
- **Airport expresses concerns on terminal and apron capacity prior to expansion**

Darwin International Airport (DIA) has welcomed the news that Jetstar will commence daily Brisbane-Darwin-Bali flights from 3 December, with connections from Sydney and Melbourne. These new services will be the only daily offering to Bali from Melbourne and Brisbane, meaning that travellers now have total flexibility in making their travel plans.

The new services also create exciting stopover options for Australians that have never experienced the Top End, allowing them to easily combine a tropical northern Australian holiday with a Bali experience.

DIA has released a draft Major Development Plan (MDP) for the terminal expansion project, which must be approved by the Federal Government prior to the project commencing. The Airport is also in discussions with its airline partners on a new pricing path for the expanded terminal.

Over the next couple of years however, the Airport is anticipating some growing pains until the terminal expansion comes on line. On this basis, the airport is working with airlines to ensure that they provide suitable schedules to ensure that passenger inconvenience is minimised. "While we welcome the additional services, we are mindful of the existing pressures, particularly in the international arrivals hall, check in and departure lounges," said DIA Chief Executive Ian Kew. "We have expressed these concerns to our airline partners to ensure that together we are taking the appropriate measures to mitigate any passenger inconvenience through their scheduling process until such time that we are able to construct and deliver our expanded airport terminal."

From 3 December 2008, Top end travellers will now have 10 flights per week between Darwin and Bali, with daily Jetstar services and 3 services per week from Garuda Indonesia.

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Darwin – Bali schedules from 3 December 2008

Jetstar

Depart Darwin	19:30
Arrive Bali	19:55
Depart Bali	23:35
Arrive Darwin	03:00

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Depart Bali	01:10
Arrive Darwin	05:20
Depart Darwin	07:30
Arrive Bali	08:35