



## MEDIA ALERT

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### **STATUS UPDATE FOR OPERATIONS AT TOWNSVILLE AIRPORT** **RE ASH CLOUD AFFECTING SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA**

Townsville Airport is currently open and operational despite the volcanic ash caused by Puyehue-Cordon Caulle volcano in Chile to other areas.

There are however flight cancellations in place again today around Australia, as a result of ash impacting on other cities. There may be some disruptions for passengers who are travelling on connecting flights through southern cities today.

The status of flights from our airline partners (that impact on Townsville Airport) is as follows:

#### **Jetstar:**

##### **Sydney**

All Jetstar flights to and from Sydney will be cancelled until approximately 1400 AEST Wednesday. Jetstar will provide a further update with regards to afternoon services on Wednesday morning.

##### **Melbourne (Melbourne Tullamarine)**

All Jetstar flights to and from Melbourne Avalon and Melbourne Tullamarine will be cancelled until approximately 1100 AEST Wednesday. A further update with regards to afternoon services will be provided later this morning.

#### **Virgin Australia:**

The Virgin Australia Group of Airlines will commence services on Wednesday 22 June from the capital cities of Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. Virgin Australia will target the commencement of services from:

- Melbourne from 12.00pm
- Canberra from 3.00pm
- Sydney from 3.00pm

#### **Qantas:**

Qantas have suspended flights to Sydney until 2.00 pm Wednesday; and suspended flights to Melbourne until 11.00 am Wednesday.

Passengers should contact their airlines for information about the current status of their flights. Airlines will have information available to passengers who have been affected by flight changes or cancellations.

Virgin Australia – [www.virginaustralia.com.au](http://www.virginaustralia.com.au)

Jetstar – [www.jetstar.com](http://www.jetstar.com)

Qantas – [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au)

The Townsville Airport website also has a live flight information screen on the home page showing the current status of flights – [www.townsvilleairport.com.au](http://www.townsvilleairport.com.au).

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