

*Embargoed until 6am, Friday 27 March 2009*

**First Tiger Airways Service Canberra-Adelaide**

Canberra Airport today (Friday 27 March 2009) welcomed Tiger Airway's first direct flight between Canberra and Adelaide.

The new non-stop flights operate on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday afternoons and are conveniently timed for weekend and short holiday breaks for both Canberra and Adelaide residents. The new flights add to Tiger's existing Canberra-Melbourne route, which has recently been expanded to two-daily flights.

Managing Director Stephen Byron said that in the 12 months since Tiger has been operating to Canberra, "Tiger's unprecedented low fares have attracted many thousands of passengers on their Canberra-Melbourne service who might not otherwise have travelled, boosting tourism and jobs in the National Capital."

"These new services by Tiger, as well as new direct Virgin Blue services to Hobart and Townsville commencing in early April 2009, demonstrate the airline industry's ongoing confidence in the Canberra market. We believe these new flights will provide significant economic stimulus for the region's economy during the current economic downturn" Mr Byron said.

Tiger Airways operate modern 180-seat Airbus A320 aircraft on their Melbourne and Adelaide services. Fares from Canberra to Adelaide are available for as low as \$48 each way including taxes and charges on the Tiger Airways website\*, subject to availability.

Tiger Airways flights to Adelaide depart Canberra at 4:05pm on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and at 5:45pm on Sundays. Flights from Adelaide arrive in Canberra at 3:35pm on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and at 5:15pm on Sundays.

*\* Fares available for sale until midnight 31 March 2009.*

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