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Sunshine Coast flights take-off from Canberra Airport

Today, Canberra Airport celebrates the commencement of direct flights to the Sunshine Coast, with connecting flights on to Cairns, with its new airline partner Alliance Airlines, providing the opportunity for Canberrans to travel to the Sunshine Coast and Northern Queensland, as well as Queenslanders to the Nation's Capital.

The direct flights will operate twice-weekly on Monday and Friday using Alliance's 100-seat Fokker 100 jet aircraft, offering industry-leading legroom in all seats. Queensland's border officially opened to people travelling from the ACT on Friday 25 September.

Head of Aviation, Michael Thomson, said Canberra Airport's new flights to the Sunshine Coast have been very well received. "The flights are perfectly timed as Canberra tourism and business are ready to welcome back travellers to the Capital and Canberrans are ready to get away."

"Everyone wants a holiday this time of year and with Christmas and school holidays coming up and the flight schedule, designed to also allow for luxurious long weekends, flights are filling up fast."

"Not only is this service important for leisure travel, we know that there is a sizable business community that travel between the Sunshine Coast and Canberra. We are pleased to be playing our part in getting people back to business" Thomson added.

Alliance Airlines CEO Lee Schofield said he was delighted to be able to join today's first ever commercial flight between Canberra and the Sunshine Coast, and onwards to Cairns.

"We look forward to welcoming many residents of Canberra onto our new services, as well as residents of the Sunshine Coast and Far North Queensland heading to the Nation's Capital. This new service will increase tourism, business and Government links between these important and growing regions" Schofield added.

To celebrate the commencement of these flights, Alliance Airlines are offering sale fares between Canberra and the Sunshine Coast from \$149 one-way including taxes and also sale fares between Canberra and Cairns from \$249 one-way including taxes from today (23 October) until Monday 26 October 2020 for travel in 2021. To book your flights, go to:

<https://www.allianceairlines.com.au/>

For more information on how the Canberra Airport is working to keep passengers safe during and beyond COVID-19 go to:

<https://www.canberraairport.com.au/>

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