



## Media Release

### **QANTASLINK ADDS Q400 SEASONAL CAPACITY TO COFFS HARBOUR**

**Sydney, 22 November 2007:** QantasLink today announced that it would introduce its larger Q400 aircraft for the first time between Sydney and Coffs Harbour and operate additional services from 24 December, 2007 to 6 January, 2008.

Qantas Group General Manager Regional Airlines, Mr Narendra Kumar, said the additional services and capacity would cater to seasonal demand for travel to and from the Coffs Coast.

“QantasLink is strongly committed to Coffs Harbour and we will celebrate 15 years of serving the Coffs community next month. We are delighted to be able to offer additional services during the Christmas and New Year period,” he said.

“This will be the first time the 72-seat Q400 aircraft will be operated on the route.”

Mr Kumar said the inaugural Q400 service would depart Sydney on 24 December at 7:00am, arriving into Coffs Harbour at 8:05am, and then depart Coffs Harbour at 8:40am, arriving into Sydney at 9:50am.

The Q400 aircraft will also operate additional daily services between Sydney and Coffs Harbour on 26, 27 and 28 December, 2007 and then again on 2, 3, 4 and 6 January, 2008.

Mr Kumar said QantasLink had recently announced a \$400 million investment in the Q400 aircraft, which would see the airline purchase an additional 12 aircraft.

“We are currently assessing route opportunities – including Coffs Harbour – for the Q400s, which will be delivered from June 2008,” he said.

Mr Kumar said to celebrate the introduction of the Q400 on the route, QantasLink had launched a special promotional fare of \$65\* all-inclusive on the Q400 services.

QantasLink currently operates around 2,000 flights each week, serving 50 metropolitan and regional destinations throughout Australia.

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