

## **Brisbane to Charleville Air Services 1929 to 2021 – Submitted by Bruce Scott**

### **1929**

QANTAS provided domestic flights between Brisbane and Charleville from 1929 to 1952 (it is an assumption that this was an unbroken service by QANTAS) until the Two Airlines Policy was initiated by the Australian Government.

In 1928 the CAB (not sure what the CAB acronym is short for – maybe ‘Civil Aviation Bureau’ ) called for tenders for the operation of air services between Brisbane-Charleville, and Camooweal-Daly Waters. Since Q.A.N.T.A.S. already operated a subsidised service between Charleville and Camooweal, and had been doing so successfully since 1922. When the successful tenderers were announced it was therefore no surprise when Q.A.N.T.A.S. was awarded the Brisbane-Charleville contract. However, the Larkin Aerial Supply Co. undercut the Q.A.N.T.A.S. tender and was awarded the Camooweal-Daly Waters contract. This was later to cause considerable problems for the CAB until Q.A.N.T.A.S. took over the whole route in 1934.

### **1945**

The [First](#) and [Second Chifley](#) ([Labor](#)) ministries established [Trans Australia Airlines](#) (TAA) in 1946, after passing legislation establishing TAA in 1945. TAA was initially intended to be a monopoly [national carrier](#), subsuming all the routes flown by [Australian National Airways](#) and any other non-government airlines. This was successfully challenged in two [High Court](#) cases.[

The failing Australian National Airways was taken over in 1957 by [Ansett](#).<sup>[4]</sup> Subsequent governments continued to allow TAA and Ansett to hold a [duopoly](#) over domestic flights in Australia for almost four decades until the deregulation of the industry which resulted in [Compass Airlines](#), [Impulse Airlines](#) and [Virgin Australia](#) to compete from 1990.

### **1952**

Trans Australian Airlines (TAA) was the appointed provider of air services between Brisbane and Charleville as part of the Two Airlines Policy from 1952 until 1987.

### **1987**

Flight West Airline provided air services between Charleville and Brisbane from 1987 until 2001

**1990** The Two Airlines Policy was discontinued with [airline deregulation](#) in Australia during 1990.

### **1992**

The Australian Government sold the domestic carrier [Australian Airlines](#) to Qantas in August 1992, giving the airline access to the national domestic market for the first time in its history.

### **2001**

QANTAS provided air services from Brisbane to Charleville from 2001 until December 2021 when the Queensland Government announced that Regional Express (REX) had been awarded the tender for this Queensland Government subsidised air service route.

### **2021**

Regional Express (REX) was awarded the tender for the Queensland Government subsidised Regular