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Virgin Australia today announced that it will commence direct flights between Brisbane and Cloncurry in regional Queensland on 27 November 2013.

Virgin Australia's 98 seat Embraer E190 jet will operate a return Brisbane-Cloncurry service on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Virgin Australia Chief Commercial Officer Judith Crompton said: "Cloncurry is an important regional centre that has seen strong growth in the agriculture and resources industries. Up until now, those wishing to travel to Brisbane have needed to transit through Mount Isa or Townsville. From November guests will be able to enjoy direct flights on our premium jet aircraft.

"As we have seen in other markets such as Moranbah and Bundaberg, a direct service brings many benefits to the community including greater access to specialist services and increased visitation.

"Today's announcement would not have been possible without the support of the Cloncurry Shire Council especially the Mayor, Cr Andrew Daniels, Council CEO David Neeves and the entire council leadership team.

"We are proud to be supporting local residents and businesses as well as the resources industry with choice and value. In addition, guests will be able to take advantage of Virgin Australia's award-winning loyalty program, Velocity Frequent Flyer¹", Ms Crompton said.

Fares go on sale on the Virgin Australia website today and to celebrate, Virgin Australia is offering special promotional fares on sale until 01 October 2013 (for selected travel times) from as little as \$199 one way².

There are two flights per week, departing Brisbane on Wednesday and Friday at 10:00am, arriving into Cloncurry at 12:30pm and departing from Cloncurry at 1:00pm arriving into Brisbane at 3:00pm. For more information on flight times please visit www.virginaustralia.com

¹ To earn and redeem Velocity Points, you must be a Velocity member. Velocity membership and Points earn and redemption are subject to the Member Terms and Conditions, as amended from time to time.

² Fare prices are based on Saver Lite fares. Seats are limited and may not be available at peak times or on all flights. Fares are on sale on our website from the date of this media release until 1 October 2013, unless sold out prior, for travel from 27 November 2013 to 12 December 2013 and 1 February 2014 to 31 March 2014. Fares are one way on the net or \$35 more when booked by phone. Saver Lite fare does not include baggage. You are unable to pre-purchase baggage online. You are able to purchase baggage at the airport starting from \$40 per bag. Baggage limits and excess baggage fees may apply. A credit card surcharge of

\$7.70 per person one way is applicable for all flights within Australia. For full terms and conditions, go to www.virginaustralia.com [3].

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