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## FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including regional) airline activity in Australia for the year ending December 2008.

The data covers revenue passengers carried by Australian-registered operators of scheduled regular public transport services over Australian flight stages, including passengers carried between domestic airports on international flights operated by these carriers. The passengers carried refer to traffic on board by stages. These statistics may not match the passenger numbers shown in other spreadsheets available for download from the BITRIE web site where passengers carried between domestic airports on international flights are excluded.

Charter aircraft flights are not included in these statistics.

Individual routes shown are restricted to those with an average exceeding 8 000 passengers per month where two or more airlines operate in competition. For the year ending December 2008 there were 49 such routes.

Information on the total network for the year ending December 2008 is presented on page 2. Detailed information on the 49 individual routes can be found in the summary pages 4 - 7 of this publication. Top ten airport passenger movements are shown on page 8 and long-term trends for the top ten of these presented graphically on pages 9 – 31. A list of definitions can be found on page 33.

The report was prepared by the Aviation Statistics Section of the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics with data provided by airlines.

Estimates are included where data is not available and data presented in this publication may contain revisions to previously published data.

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals, and in percentage changes which are derived from figures prior to rounding.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

There were 50.46 million passengers carried on Australian domestic airlines (including regional operations) in the year ending December 2008, an increase of 6.9 per cent on the year ending December 2007. The industry is operating at record levels, with passenger numbers for the current year being higher than the numbers for any previous year.

Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) were 57.68 billion for the year, up 7.6 per cent on the year ending December 2007.

Airlines continued to introduce additional seats through the year, with the number of available seats rising to 66.38 million, an increase of 9.8 per cent compared to the previous year.

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased by 10.3 per cent on the year ending December 2007 to a total of 74.00 billion.

Capacity grew at a slightly faster rate than passenger traffic in 2008 resulting in a decrease in the industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs), 77.9 per cent compared with 79.9 in the previous year.

The number of aircraft trips increased by 4.5 per cent, from 535 506 for the year ending December 2007 to 559 435 for the year ending December 2008.

For the year ending December 2008, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest route with 7.01 million passengers, an increase of 3.1 per cent compared with the year ending December 2007. It was followed by the Brisbane – Sydney with 4.31 million passengers (up 5.6 per cent) and the Brisbane – Melbourne with 2.69 million passengers (down 0.4 per cent).

The greatest percentage increase in air traffic, compared to the year ending December 2007, was on the Albury – Sydney route (38.2 per cent). There was strong traffic growth on a number of other routes, including Gold Coast – Melbourne (26.3 per cent), Melbourne – Newcastle (17.9 per cent), Hobart – Melbourne (15.0 per cent) and Canberra – Sydney (14.5 per cent).

Routes with traffic decreases this year included Adelaide – Canberra (down 6.1 per cent), Dubbo – Sydney (down 2.9 per cent) and Ballina – Sydney (down 1.9 per cent).

For the year ending December 2008, Sydney remained the busiest Australian airport with 22.70 million passenger movements, an increase of 4.1 per cent compared to the previous year, followed by Melbourne with 19.99 million passenger movements (up 9.4 per cent) and Brisbane with 14.70 million passenger movements (up 4.2 per cent).

# TOTAL NETWORK

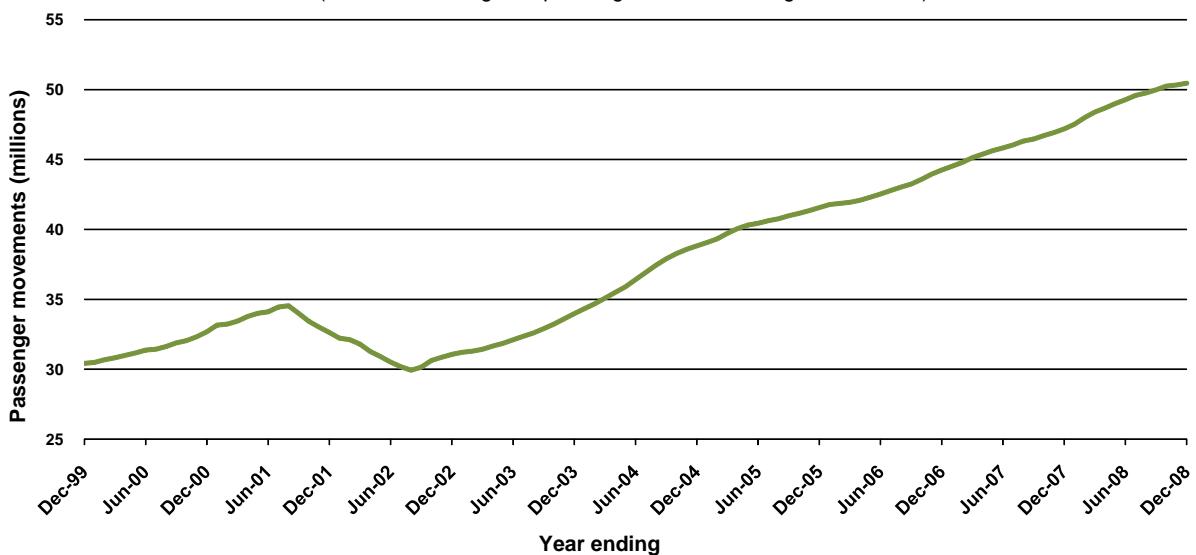
## Summary of activity

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Total passenger movements (millions)	47.20	50.46	6.9
Revenue passenger kilometres (billion)	53.60	57.68	7.6
Available seats (millions)	60.47	66.38	9.8
Available seat kilometres (billions)	67.10	74.00	10.3
Load factor %	79.9	77.9	-1.9 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	535.5	559.4	4.5

\* percentage point difference

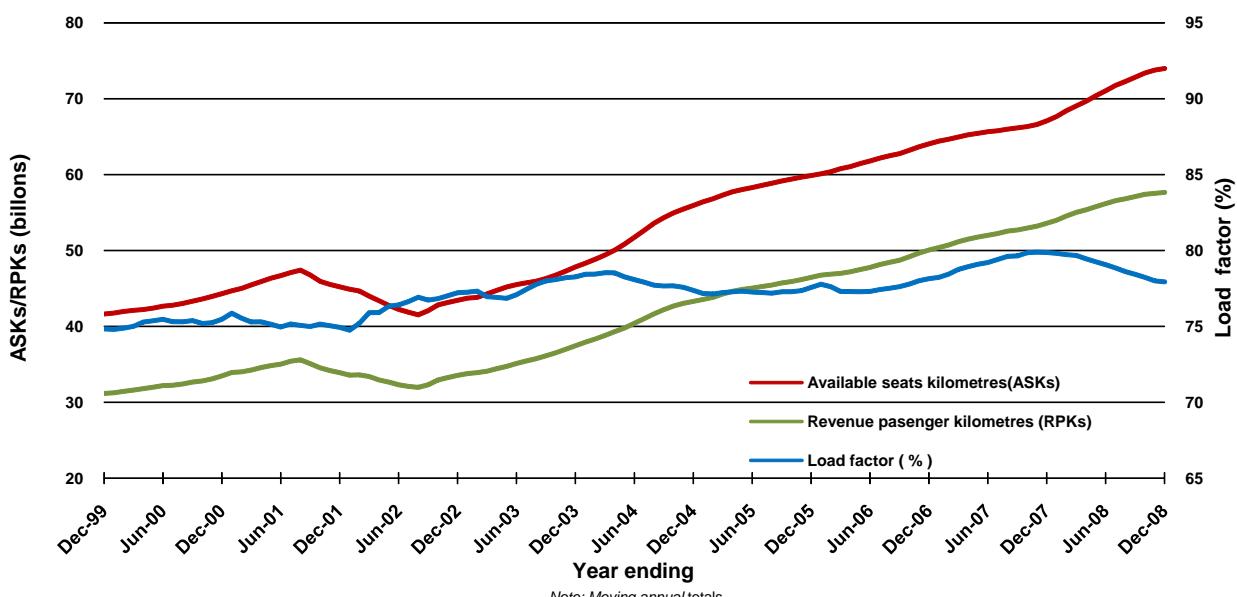
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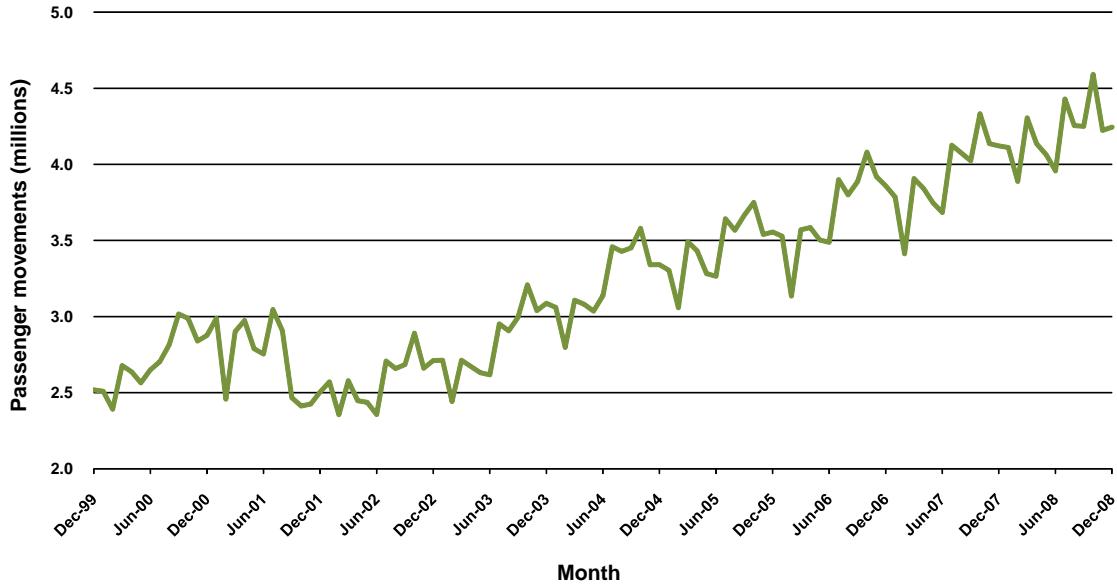
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(Domestic and regional passenger traffic - moving annual totals )

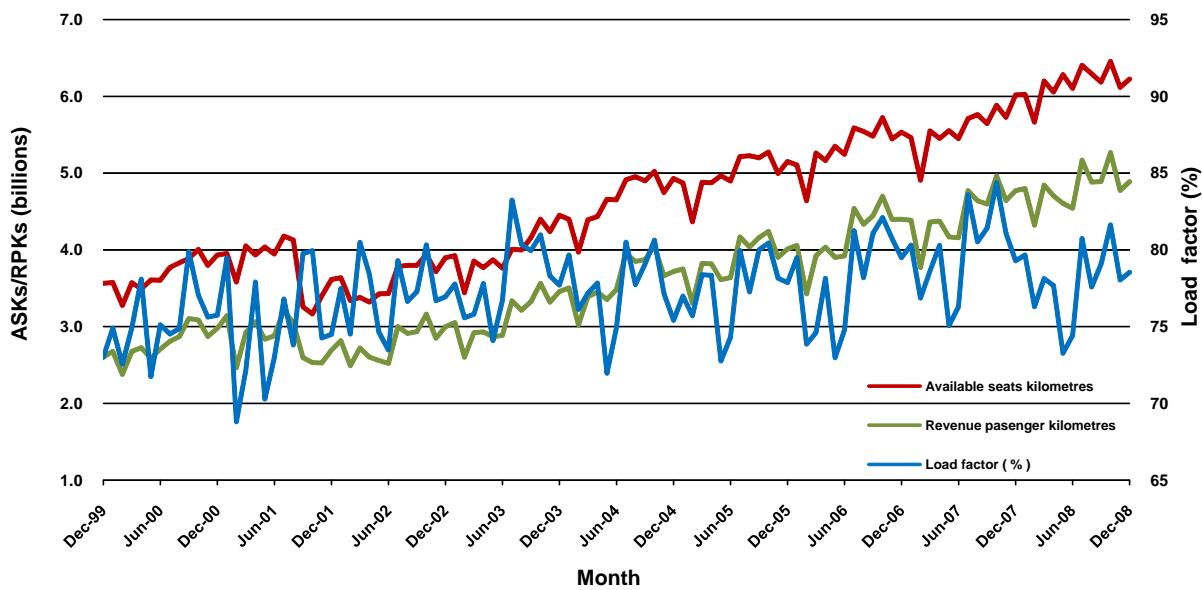


Note: Moving annual totals

## Monthly domestic passenger traffic



## Monthly network utilisation



# TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

**Table 1: Passenger movements (000s) — annual activity**

<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE December 2007</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1 Melbourne - Sydney	6 795.0	7 008.0	3.1
2 Brisbane - Sydney	4 079.4	4 306.5	5.6
3 Brisbane - Melbourne	2 699.8	2 688.5	-0.4
4 Gold Coast - Sydney	2 139.0	2 164.8	1.2
5 Adelaide - Melbourne	1 877.1	2 122.7	13.1
6 Melbourne - Perth	1 606.3	1 772.2	10.3
7 Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 325.3	1 673.5	26.3
8 Adelaide - Sydney	1 531.4	1 589.1	3.8
9 Perth - Sydney	1 364.3	1 439.2	5.5
10 Brisbane - Cairns	1 193.1	1 196.5	0.3
11 Hobart - Melbourne	1 007.2	1 157.8	15.0
12 Canberra - Melbourne	961.8	1 068.5	11.1
13 Brisbane - Townsville	874.0	968.7	10.8
14 Canberra - Sydney	837.8	959.5	14.5
15 Cairns - Sydney	930.1	940.3	1.1
16 Launceston - Melbourne	759.0	842.9	11.1
17 Brisbane - Mackay	648.9	727.1	12.1
18 Brisbane - Perth	602.9	683.4	13.3
19 Adelaide - Brisbane	658.2	660.3	0.3
20 Brisbane - Canberra	617.7	609.5	-1.3
21 Adelaide - Perth	563.0	577.6	2.6
22 Brisbane - Rockhampton	576.3	569.6	-1.2
23 Brisbane - Newcastle	491.1	529.3	7.8
24 Cairns - Melbourne	447.4	482.2	7.8
25 Maroochydore - Sydney	437.4	477.6	9.2
26 Hobart - Sydney	432.1	458.7	6.2
27 Maroochydore - Melbourne	400.3	452.1	12.9
28 Melbourne - Newcastle	353.6	416.8	17.9
29 Brisbane - Darwin	331.5	341.6	3.0
30 Coffs Harbour - Sydney	307.5	309.0	0.5
31 Broome - Perth	281.3	298.2	6.0
32 Ballina - Sydney	275.4	270.2	-1.9
33 Kalgoorlie - Perth	227.0	253.7	11.8
34 Albury - Sydney	162.2	224.2	38.2
35 Brisbane - Proserpine	212.1	216.3	2.0
36 Launceston - Sydney	208.2	208.8	0.3
37 Adelaide - Gold Coast	185.0	207.4	12.1
38 Adelaide - Canberra	205.1	192.6	-6.1
39 Dubbo - Sydney	186.5	181.1	-2.9
40 Sydney - Wagga Wagga	178.8	181.0	1.2
41 Brisbane - Hamilton Island	171.4	179.2	4.6
42 Sydney - Townsville	160.8	170.4	6.0
43 Hervey Bay - Sydney	151.2	159.9	5.7
44 Melbourne - Mildura	155.6	159.7	2.6
45 Port Macquarie - Sydney	..	151.3	NA (a)
46 Karratha - Perth	..	116.6	NA (b)
47 Alice Springs - Melbourne	..	91.5	NA (c)
48 Gold Coast - Newcastle	..	61.1	NA (d)
49 Newman - Perth	..	45.3	NA (e)
<b>Total top routes</b>	<b>39 608.8</b>	<b>42 561.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>47 195.7</b>	<b>50 458.4</b>	<b>6.9</b>

(a) Port Macquarie - Sydney route included from February 2008, prior data not shown .

(b) Karratha - Perth route included from October 2008, prior data not shown .

(c) Alice Springs - Melbourne route included from May 2008, prior data not shown .

(d) Gold Coast - Newcastle route included from August 2008, prior data not shown .

(e) Newman - Perth route included from October 2008, prior data not shown .

**Table 2: Available seats (000s) — annual activity**

<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE December 2007</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1 Melbourne - Sydney	8 335.0	8 768.7	5.2
2 Brisbane - Sydney	5 170.3	5 581.8	8.0
3 Brisbane - Melbourne	3 205.5	3 442.1	7.4
4 Gold Coast - Sydney	2 603.3	2 635.3	1.2
5 Adelaide - Melbourne	2 431.0	2 804.8	15.4
6 Melbourne - Perth	1 988.1	2 199.0	10.6
7 Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 530.5	2 046.2	33.7
8 Adelaide - Sydney	1 968.6	2 009.4	2.1
9 Perth - Sydney	1 610.0	1 691.1	5.0
10 Brisbane - Cairns	1 499.0	1 554.0	3.7
11 Hobart - Melbourne	1 246.1	1 512.2	21.4
12 Canberra - Melbourne	1 299.3	1 598.7	23.0
13 Brisbane - Townsville	1 037.3	1 255.8	21.1
14 Canberra - Sydney	1 173.6	1 680.7	43.2
15 Cairns - Sydney	1 148.9	1 255.7	9.3
16 Launceston - Melbourne	949.8	1 083.7	14.1
17 Brisbane - Mackay	830.7	924.5	11.3
18 Brisbane - Perth	691.7	842.9	21.8
19 Adelaide - Brisbane	818.9	788.2	-3.7
20 Brisbane - Canberra	826.5	882.4	6.8
21 Adelaide - Perth	710.7	732.1	3.0
22 Brisbane - Rockhampton	765.5	742.6	-3.0
23 Brisbane - Newcastle	617.8	675.5	9.3
24 Cairns - Melbourne	554.6	596.0	7.5
25 Maroochydore - Sydney	516.6	587.8	13.8
26 Hobart - Sydney	552.4	570.3	3.2
27 Maroochydore - Melbourne	470.0	560.8	19.3
28 Melbourne - Newcastle	435.6	529.5	21.6
29 Brisbane - Darwin	415.5	429.8	3.4
30 Coffs Harbour - Sydney	394.5	381.2	-3.4
31 Broome - Perth	369.3	409.5	10.9
32 Ballina - Sydney	343.5	331.5	-3.5
33 Kalgoorlie - Perth	312.2	369.6	18.4
34 Albury - Sydney	225.2	327.0	45.2
35 Brisbane - Proserpine	254.5	252.3	-0.9
36 Launceston - Sydney	270.8	257.4	-5.0
37 Adelaide - Gold Coast	223.1	241.8	8.4
38 Adelaide - Canberra	279.2	269.3	-3.5
39 Dubbo - Sydney	255.2	233.8	-8.4
40 Sydney - Wagga Wagga	250.3	232.3	-7.2
41 Brisbane - Hamilton Island	240.2	241.2	0.4
42 Sydney - Townsville	204.8	209.8	2.5
43 Hervey Bay - Sydney	182.8	197.2	7.9
44 Melbourne - Mildura	214.5	216.7	1.1
45 Port Macquarie - Sydney	..	209.6	NA (a)
46 Karratha - Perth	..	187.8	NA (b)
47 Alice Springs - Melbourne	..	120.1	NA (c)
48 Gold Coast - Newcastle	..	74.9	NA (d)
49 Newman - Perth	..	71.4	NA (e)
<b>Total top routes</b>	<b>49 422.8</b>	<b>54 816.2</b>	<b>10.9</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>60 468.2</b>	<b>66 379.9</b>	<b>9.8</b>

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**Table 3: Load factors (%) — annual activity**

<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE December 2007</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>% Point diff</b>
1 Melbourne - Sydney	81.5	79.9	-1.6
2 Brisbane - Sydney	78.9	77.2	-1.8
3 Brisbane - Melbourne	84.2	78.1	-6.1
4 Gold Coast - Sydney	82.2	82.1	0.0
5 Adelaide - Melbourne	77.2	75.7	-1.5
6 Melbourne - Perth	80.8	80.6	-0.2
7 Gold Coast - Melbourne	86.6	81.8	-4.8
8 Adelaide - Sydney	77.8	79.1	1.3
9 Perth - Sydney	84.7	85.1	0.4
10 Brisbane - Cairns	79.6	77.0	-2.6
11 Hobart - Melbourne	80.8	76.6	-4.3
12 Canberra - Melbourne	74.0	66.8	-7.2
13 Brisbane - Townsville	84.3	77.1	-7.1
14 Canberra - Sydney	71.4	57.1	-14.3
15 Cairns - Sydney	81.0	74.9	-6.1
16 Launceston - Melbourne	79.9	77.8	-2.1
17 Brisbane - Mackay	78.1	78.7	0.5
18 Brisbane - Perth	87.2	81.1	-6.1
19 Adelaide - Brisbane	80.4	83.8	3.4
20 Brisbane - Canberra	74.7	69.1	-5.7
21 Adelaide - Perth	79.2	78.9	-0.3
22 Brisbane - Rockhampton	75.3	76.7	1.4
23 Brisbane - Newcastle	79.5	78.4	-1.1
24 Cairns - Melbourne	80.7	80.9	0.2
25 Maroochydore - Sydney	84.7	81.3	-3.4
26 Hobart - Sydney	78.2	80.4	2.2
27 Maroochydore - Melbourne	85.2	80.6	-4.6
28 Melbourne - Newcastle	81.2	78.7	-2.5
29 Brisbane - Darwin	79.8	79.5	-0.3
30 Coffs Harbour - Sydney	77.9	81.1	3.1
31 Broome - Perth	76.2	72.8	-3.4
32 Ballina - Sydney	80.2	81.5	1.3
33 Kalgoorlie - Perth	72.7	68.6	-4.1
34 Albury - Sydney	72.0	68.6	-3.5
35 Brisbane - Proserpine	83.3	85.7	2.4
36 Launceston - Sydney	76.9	81.1	4.2
37 Adelaide - Gold Coast	82.9	85.8	2.9
38 Adelaide - Canberra	73.5	71.5	-1.9
39 Dubbo - Sydney	73.1	77.4	4.3
40 Sydney - Wagga Wagga	71.4	77.9	6.5
41 Brisbane - Hamilton Island	71.4	74.3	3.0
42 Sydney - Townsville	78.5	81.2	2.7
43 Hervey Bay - Sydney	82.7	81.1	-1.6
44 Melbourne - Mildura	72.6	73.7	1.1
45 Port Macquarie - Sydney	..	72.2	NA (a)
46 Karratha - Perth	..	62.1	NA (b)
47 Alice Springs - Melbourne	..	76.2	NA (c)
48 Gold Coast - Newcastle	..	81.6	NA (d)
49 Newman - Perth	..	63.4	NA (e)
<b>Total top routes</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>79.9</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

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**Table 4: Aircraft movements — annual activity**

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE December 2007</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1	Melbourne - Sydney	42 890	45 593	6.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	28 753	30 939	7.6
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	19 361	20 356	5.1
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	15 480	15 681	1.3
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	15 158	17 447	15.1
6	Melbourne - Perth	8 660	10 181	17.6
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	8 871	11 556	30.3
8	Adelaide - Sydney	11 849	12 353	4.3
9	Perth - Sydney	6 088	7 015	15.2
10	Brisbane - Cairns	8 843	9 094	2.8
11	Hobart - Melbourne	7 356	8 856	20.4
12	Canberra - Melbourne	10 267	11 673	13.7
13	Brisbane - Townsville	6 448	7 904	22.6
14	Canberra - Sydney	15 148	18 989	25.4
15	Cairns - Sydney	6 363	7 027	10.4
16	Launceston - Melbourne	6 774	7 452	10.0
17	Brisbane - Mackay	5 856	6 492	10.9
18	Brisbane - Perth	3 418	4 062	18.8
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	5 031	5 271	4.8
20	Brisbane - Canberra	5 909	6 692	13.3
21	Adelaide - Perth	4 301	4 616	7.3
22	Brisbane - Rockhampton	7 486	7 225	-3.5
23	Brisbane - Newcastle	4 551	4 488	-1.4
24	Cairns - Melbourne	3 049	3 245	6.4
25	Maroochydore - Sydney	2 986	3 393	13.6
26	Hobart - Sydney	3 330	3 405	2.3
27	Maroochydore - Melbourne	2 810	3 214	14.4
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	3 991	3 204	-19.7
29	Brisbane - Darwin	2 087	2 142	2.6
30	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	4 930	4 352	-11.7
31	Broome - Perth	2 751	3 156	14.7
32	Ballina - Sydney	4 004	3 660	-8.6
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	2 716	2 931	7.9
34	Albury - Sydney	5 477	6 669	21.8
35	Brisbane - Proserpine	1 450	1 454	0.3
36	Launceston - Sydney	1 540	1 497	-2.8
37	Adelaide - Gold Coast	1 358	1 449	6.7
38	Adelaide - Canberra	1 848	1 879	1.7
39	Dubbo - Sydney	7 470	6 370	-14.7
40	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	6 277	5 697	-9.2
41	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	1 453	1 460	0.5
42	Sydney - Townsville	1 250	1 252	0.2
43	Hervey Bay - Sydney	1 144	1 146	0.2
44	Melbourne - Mildura	5 842	5 379	-7.9
45	Port Macquarie - Sydney	..	3 528	NA (a)
46	Karratha - Perth	..	1 360	NA (b)
47	Alice Springs - Melbourne	..	704	NA (c)
48	Gold Coast - Newcastle	..	432	NA (d)
49	Newman - Perth	..	637	NA (e)
	<b>Total top routes</b>	<b>322 624</b>	<b>354 577</b>	<b>9.9</b>
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>535 506</b>	<b>559 435</b>	<b>4.5</b>

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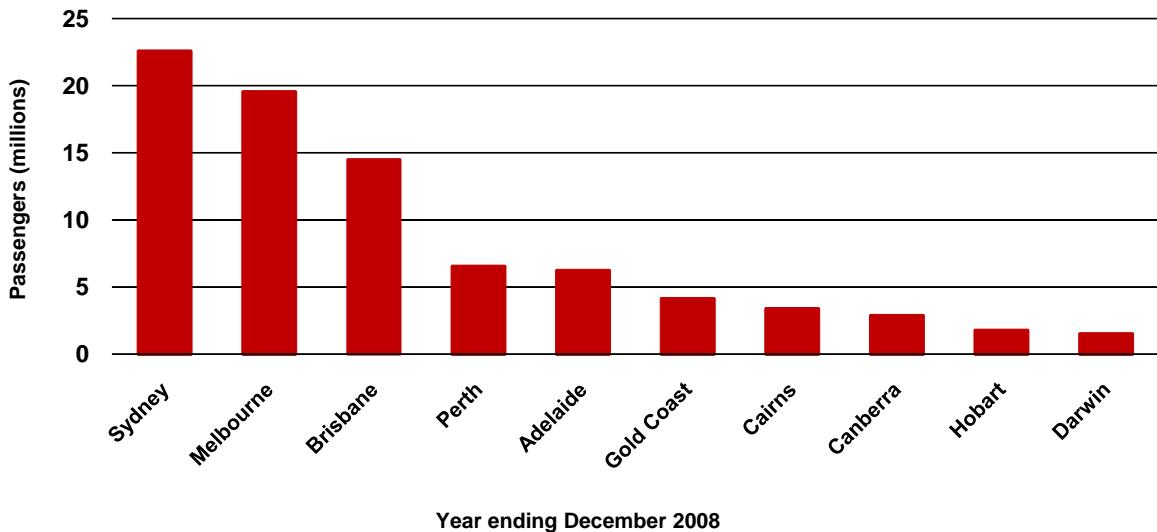
## TOP TEN AIRPORTS

**Table 5: Top ten airport passenger movements (000s) — annual activity**

Airport	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	21 800.7	22 700.1	4.1	22.5
2 Melbourne	18 271.3	19 989.6	9.4	19.8
3 Brisbane	14 107.2	14 704.5	4.2	14.6
4 Perth	6 108.0	6 707.8	9.8	6.6
5 Adelaide	5 963.4	6 315.8	5.9	6.3
6 Gold Coast	3 736.2	4 209.1	12.7	4.2
7 Cairns	3 304.2	3 433.5	3.9	3.4
8 Canberra	2 735.1	2 984.1	9.1	3.0
9 Hobart	1 663.6	1 830.9	10.1	1.8
10 Darwin	1 361.8	1 597.6	17.3	1.6
<b>Total top ten airports</b>	<b>79 051.6</b>	<b>84 473.0</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>83.7</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>94 391.3</b>	<b>100 916.8</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Top ten airport passenger movements

(Domestic and regional passenger traffic - traffic on board)



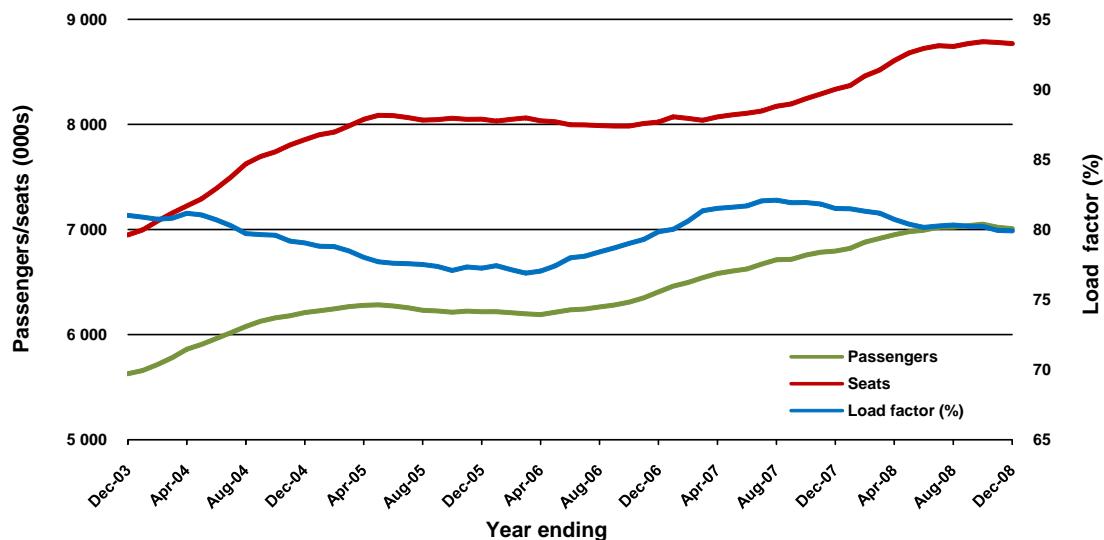
# TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

## 1. Melbourne - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	6 795.0	7 008.0	3.1
Seats (000s)	8 335.0	8 768.7	5.2
Load factor %	81.5	79.9	-1.6 *
Aircraft trips	42 890	45 593	6.3

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

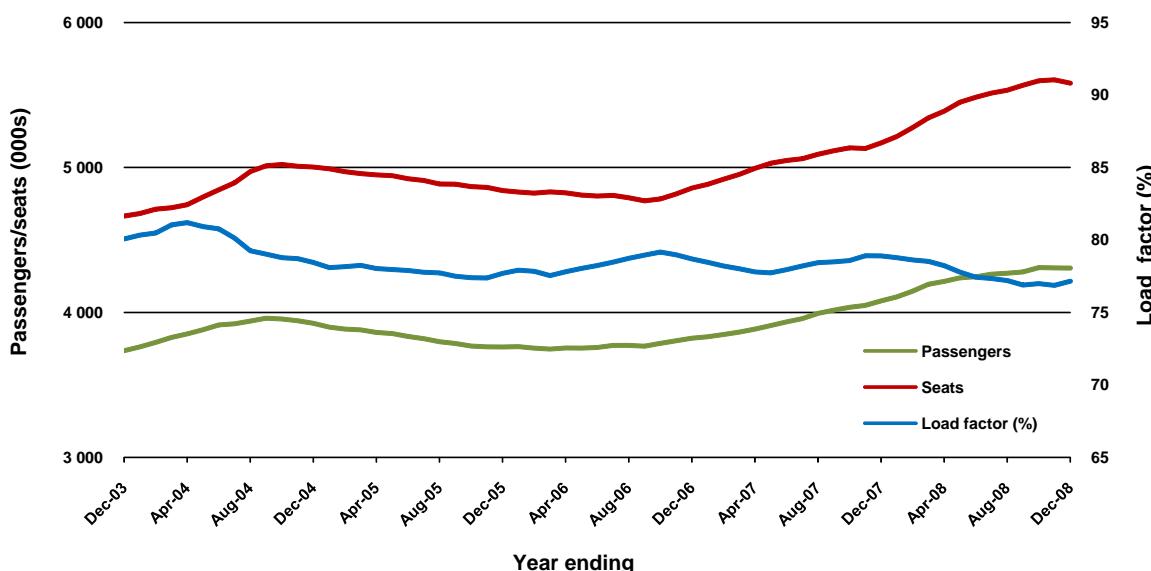


## 2. Brisbane - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	4 079.4	4 306.5	5.6
Seats (000s)	5 170.3	5 581.8	8.0
Load factor %	78.9	77.2	-1.8 *
Aircraft trips	28 753	30 939	7.6

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

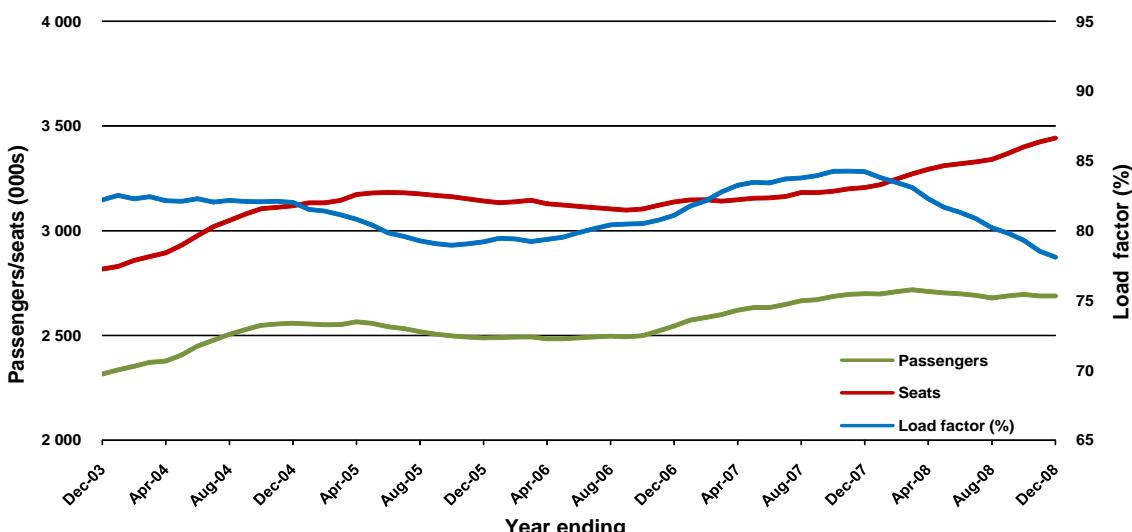


### 3. Brisbane - Melbourne

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	2 699.8	2 688.5	-0.4
Seats (000s)	3 205.5	3 442.1	7.4
Load factor %	84.2	78.1	-6.1
Aircraft trips	19 361	20 356	5.1

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

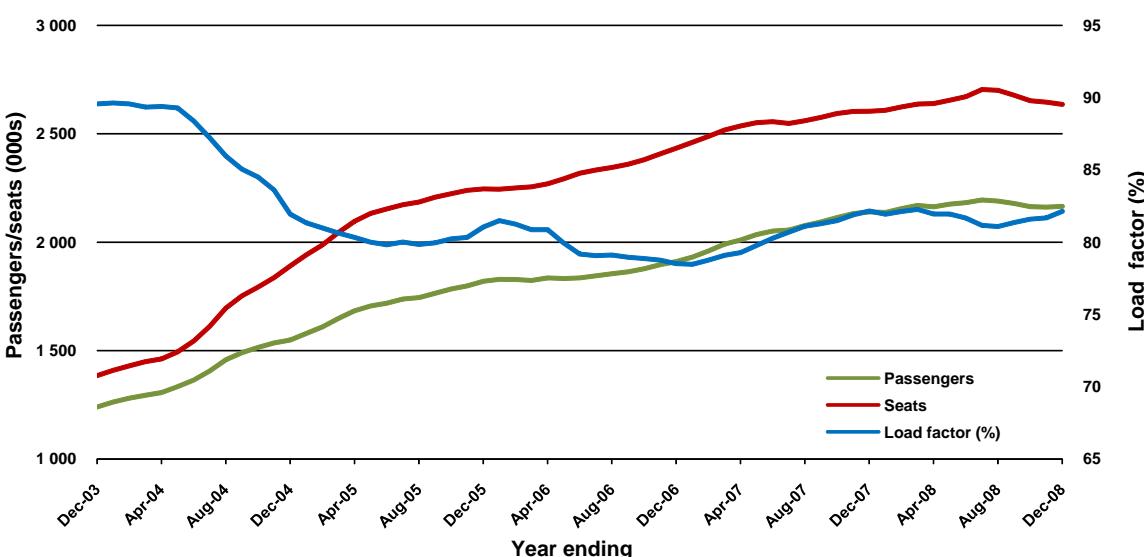


### 4. Gold Coast - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	2 139.0	2 164.8	1.2
Seats (000s)	2 603.3	2 635.3	1.2
Load factor %	82.2	82.1	0.0
Aircraft trips	15 480	15 681	1.3

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

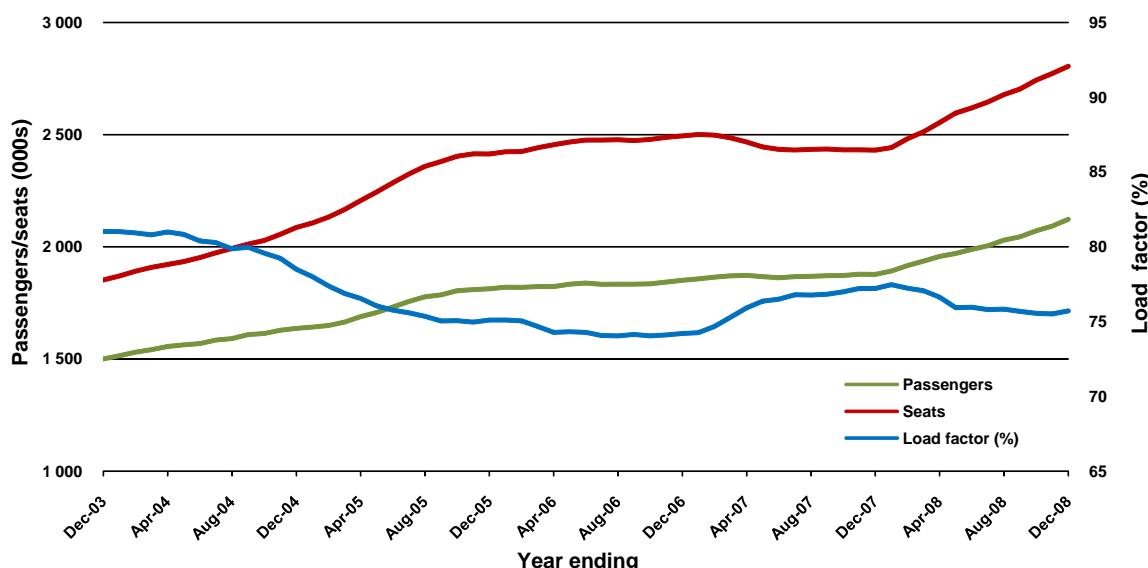


## 5. Adelaide - Melbourne

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	1 877.1	2 122.7	13.1
Seats (000s)	2 431.0	2 804.8	15.4
Load factor %	77.2	75.7	-1.5
Aircraft trips	15 158	17 447	15.1

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

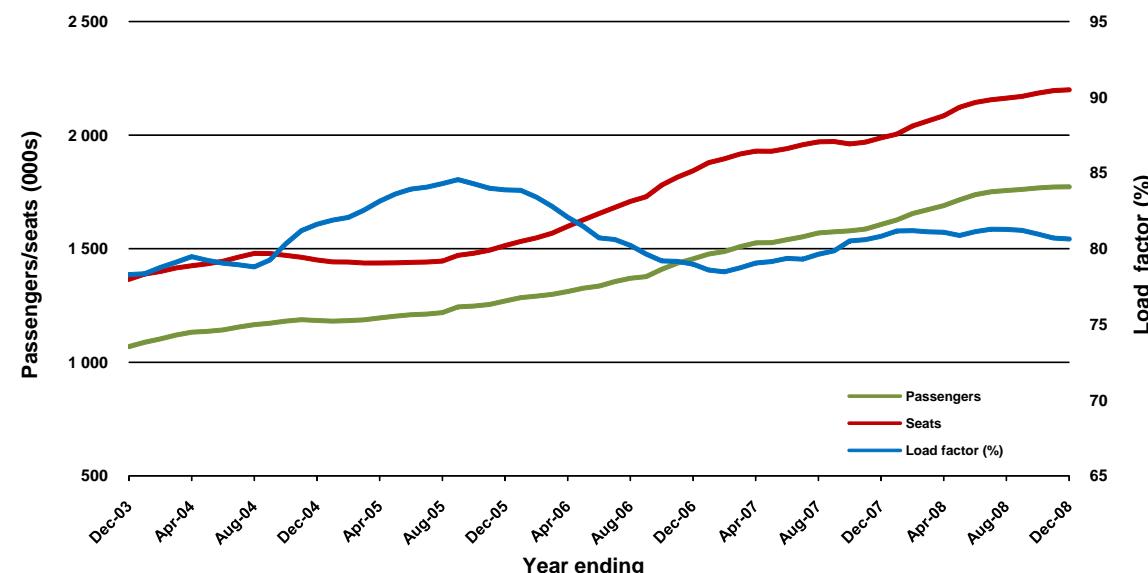


## 6. Melbourne - Perth

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	1 606.3	1 772.2	10.3
Seats (000s)	1 988.1	2 199.0	10.6
Load factor %	80.8	80.6	-0.2
Aircraft trips	8 660	10 181	17.6

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

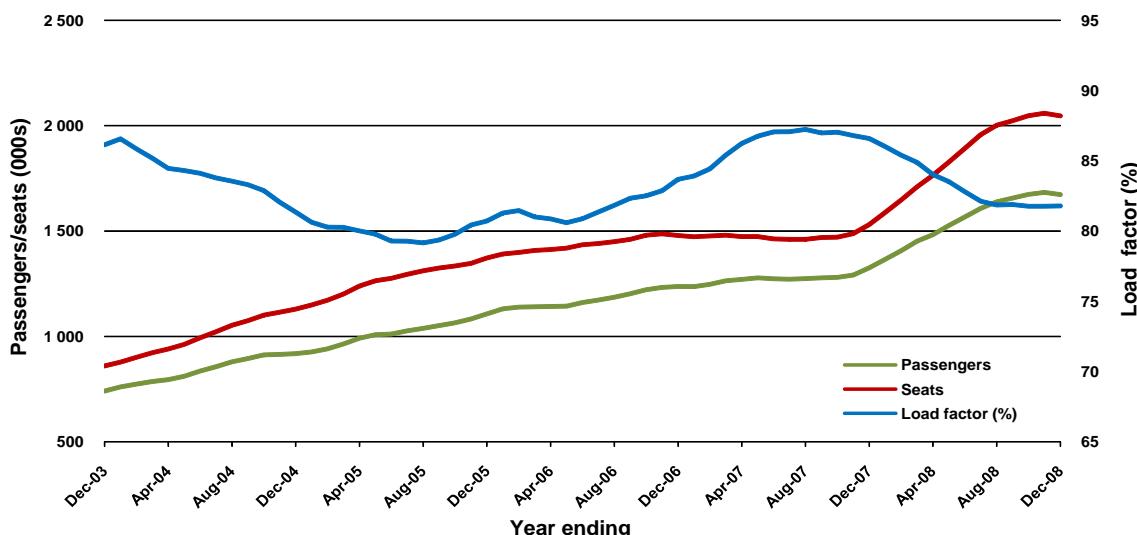


## 7. Gold Coast - Melbourne

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	1 325.3	1 673.5	26.3
Seats (000s)	1 530.5	2 046.2	33.7
Load factor %	86.6	81.8	-4.8
Aircraft trips	8 871	11 556	30.3

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

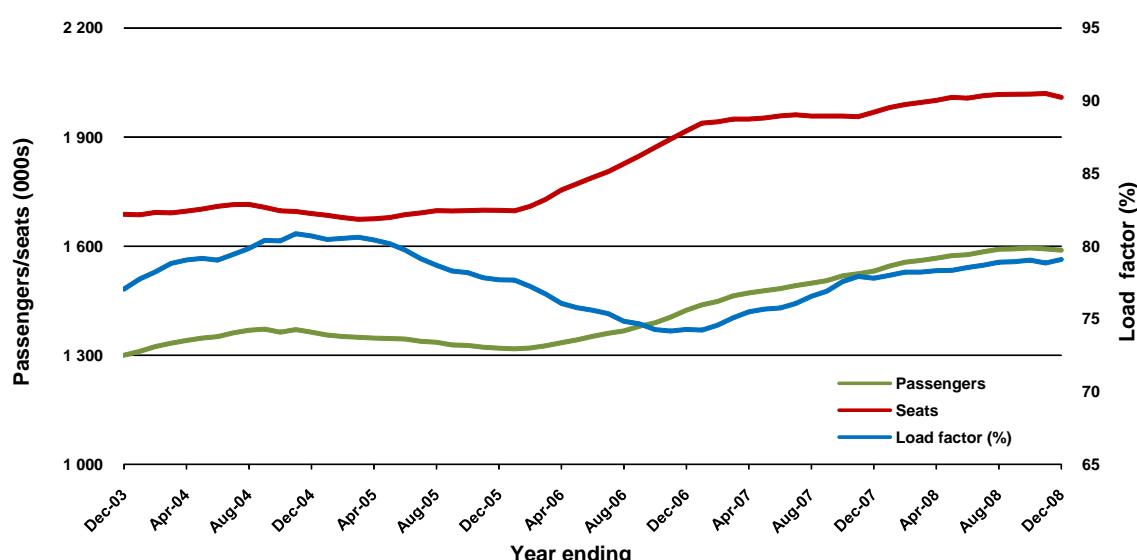


## 8. Adelaide - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	1 531.4	1 589.1	3.8
Seats (000s)	1 968.6	2 009.4	2.1
Load factor %	77.8	79.1	1.3
Aircraft trips	11 849	12 353	4.3

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

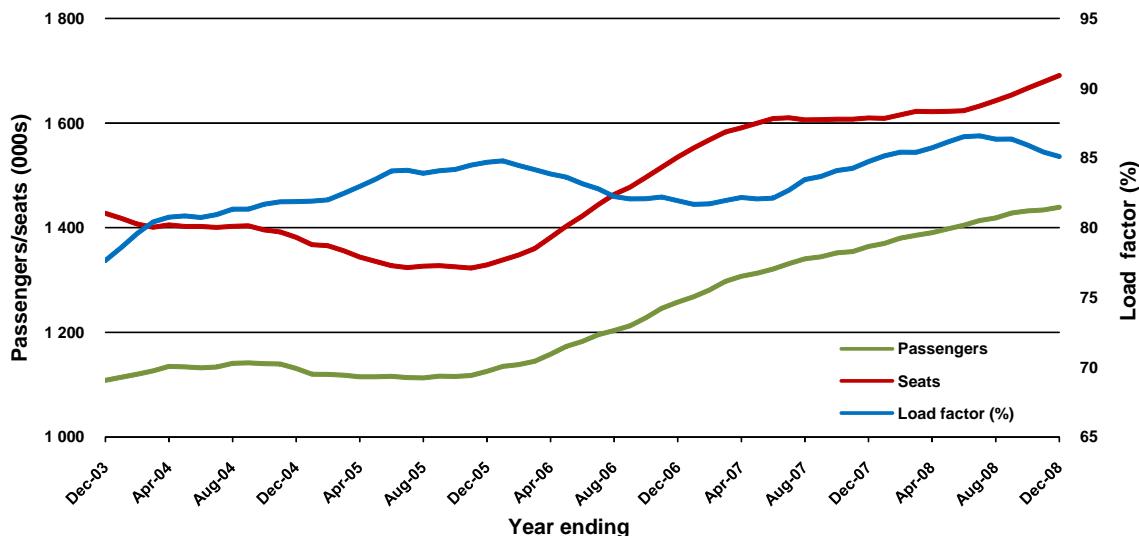


## 9. Perth - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	1 364.3	1 439.2	5.5
Seats (000s)	1 610.0	1 691.1	5.0
Load factor %	84.7	85.1	0.4
Aircraft trips	6 088	7 015	15.2

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

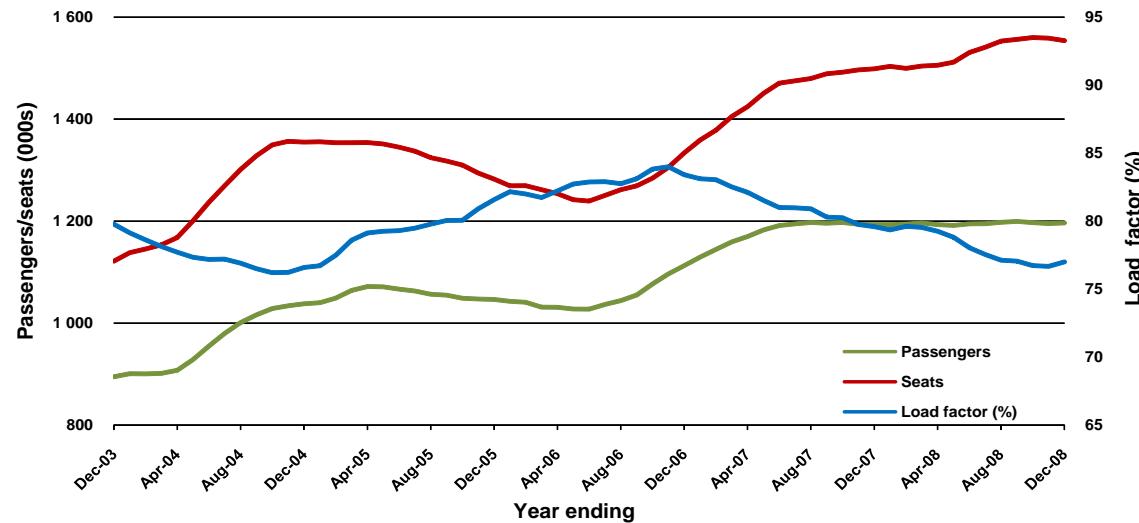


## 10. Brisbane - Cairns

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	1 193.1	1 196.5	0.3
Seats (000s)	1 499.0	1 554.0	3.7
Load factor %	79.6	77.0	-2.6
Aircraft trips	8 843	9 094	2.8

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

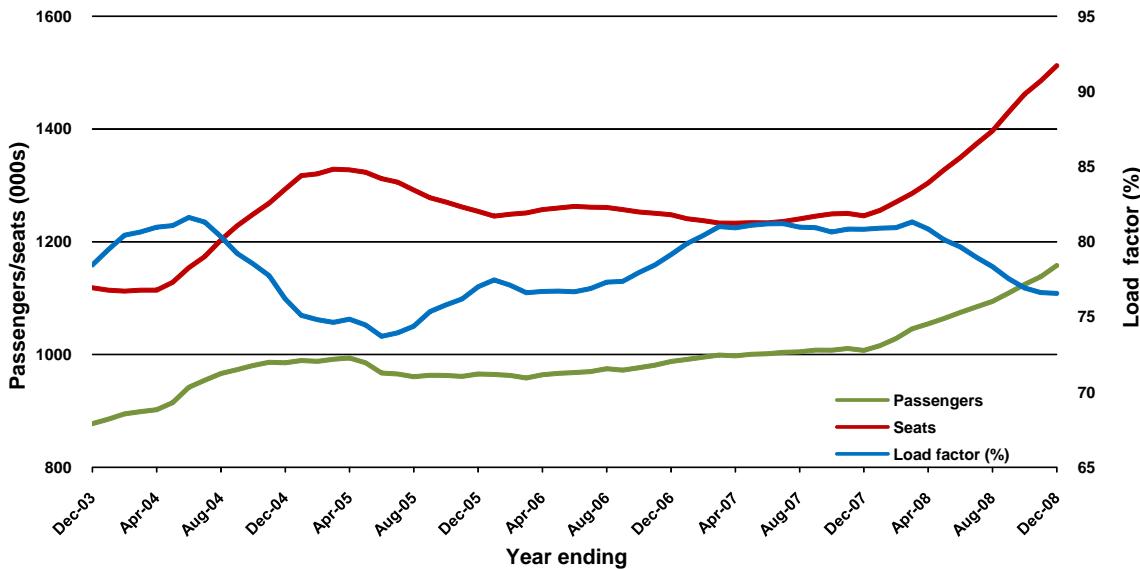


## 11. Hobart - Melbourne

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	1 007.2	1 157.8	15.0
Seats (000s)	1 246.1	1 512.2	21.4
Load factor %	80.8	76.6	-4.3
Aircraft trips	7 356	8 856	20.4

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

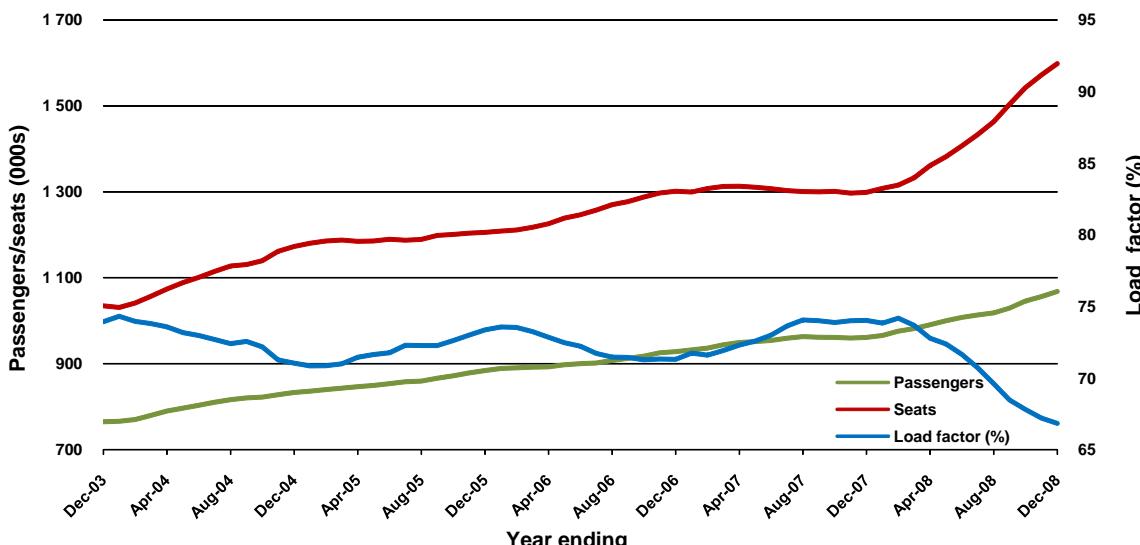


## 12. Canberra - Melbourne

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	961.8	1 068.5	11.1
Seats (000s)	1 299.3	1 598.7	23.0
Load factor %	74.0	66.8	-7.2
Aircraft trips	10 267	11 673	13.7

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

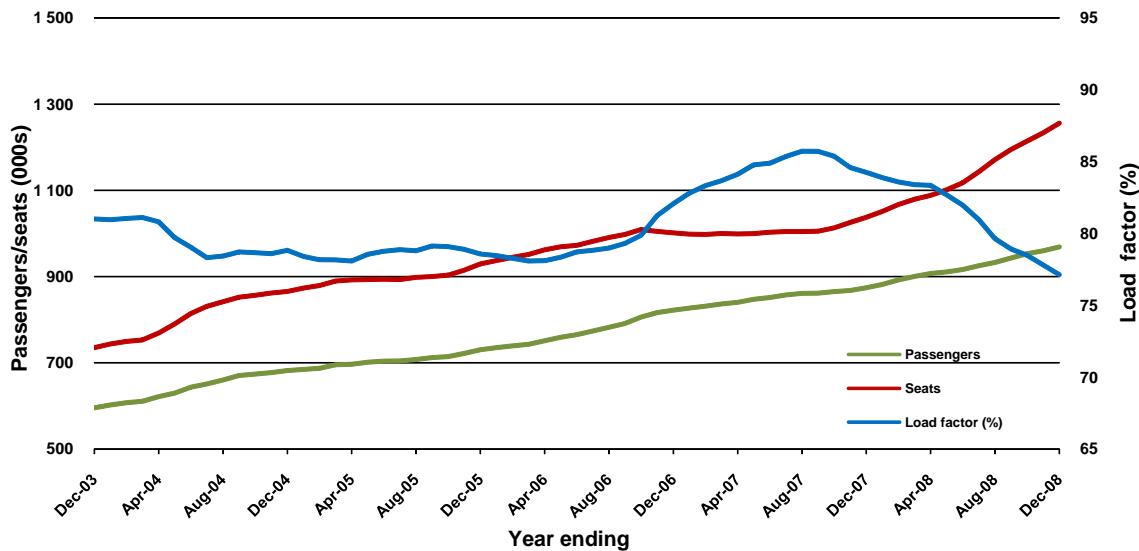


### 13. Brisbane - Townsville

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	874.0	968.7	10.8
Seats (000s)	1 037.3	1 255.8	21.1
Load factor %	84.3	77.1	-7.1
Aircraft trips	6 448	7 904	22.6

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

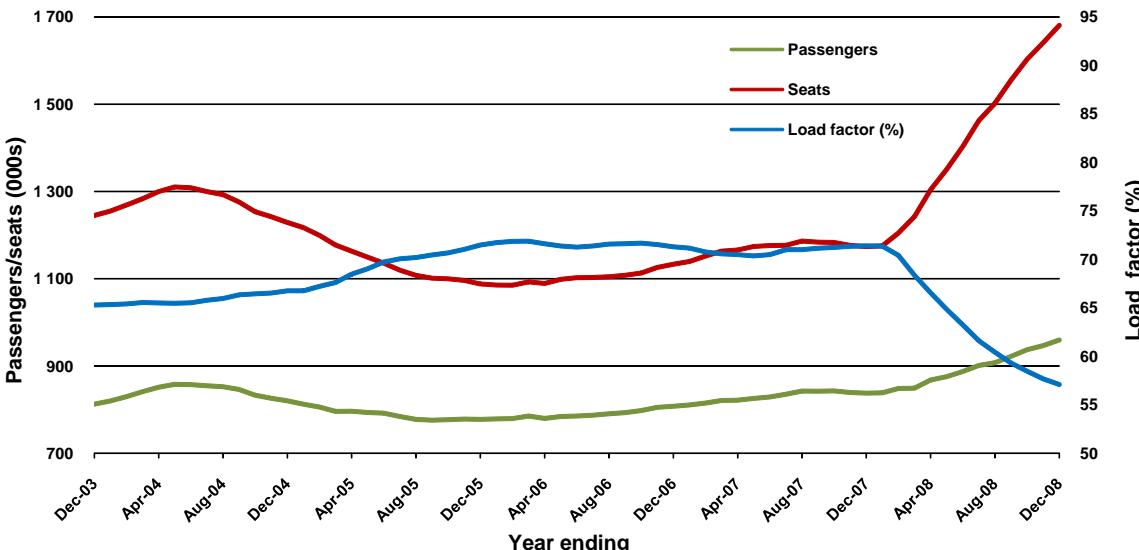


### 14. Canberra - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	837.8	959.5	14.5
Seats (000s)	1 173.6	1 680.7	43.2
Load factor %	71.4	57.1	-14.3
Aircraft trips	15 148	18 989	25.4

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

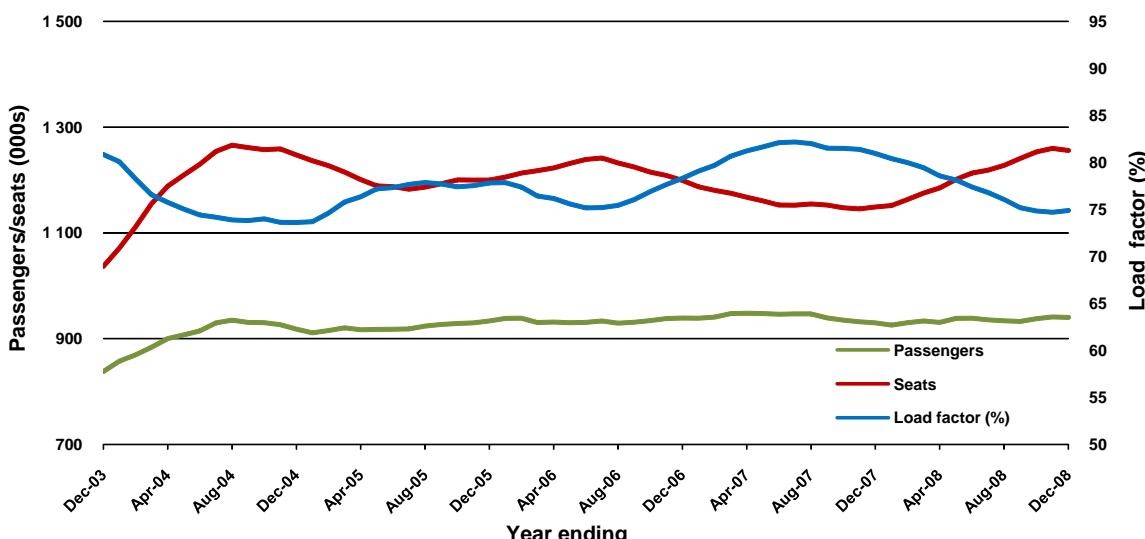


## 15. Cairns - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	930.1	940.3	1.1
Seats (000s)	1 148.9	1 255.7	9.3
Load factor %	81.0	74.9	-6.1
Aircraft trips	6 363	7 027	10.4

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

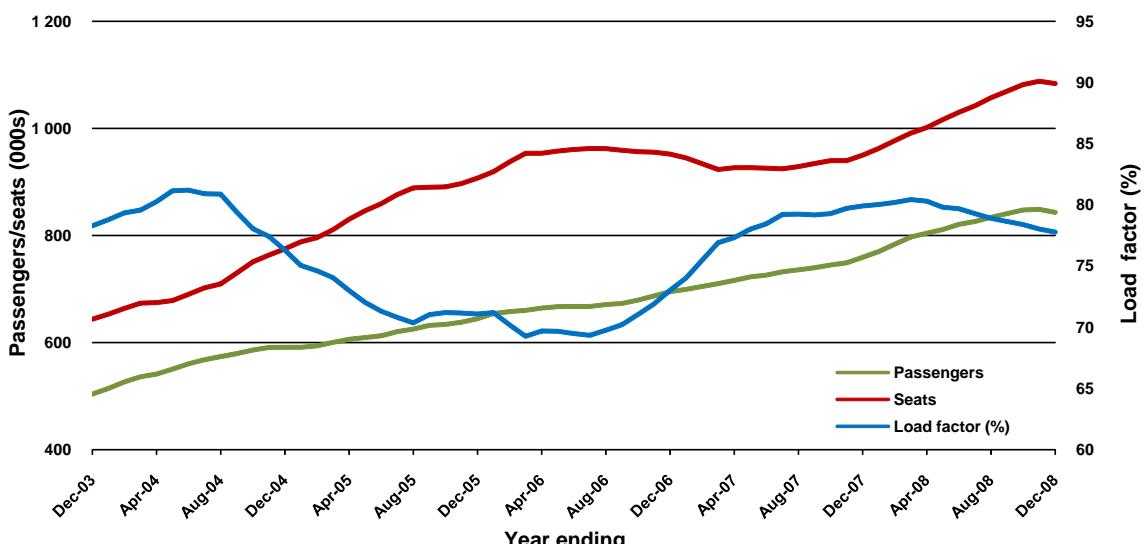


## 16. Launceston - Melbourne

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	759.0	842.9	11.1
Seats (000s)	949.8	1 083.7	14.1
Load factor %	79.9	77.8	-2.1
Aircraft trips	6 774	7 452	10.0

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

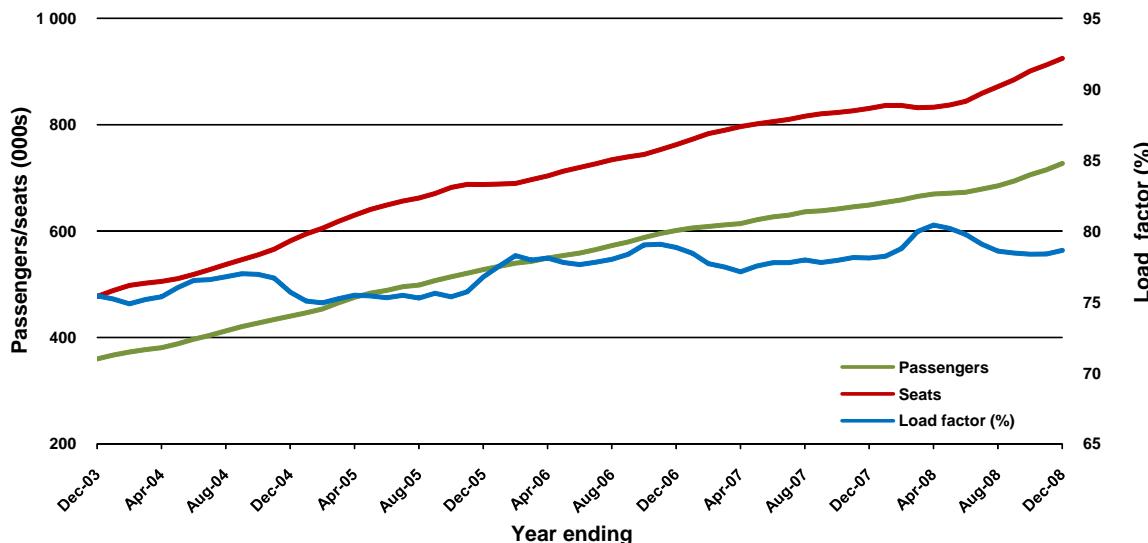


## 17. Brisbane - Mackay

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	648.9	727.1	12.1
Seats (000s)	830.7	924.5	11.3
Load factor %	78.1	78.7	0.5
Aircraft trips	5 856	6 492	10.9

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

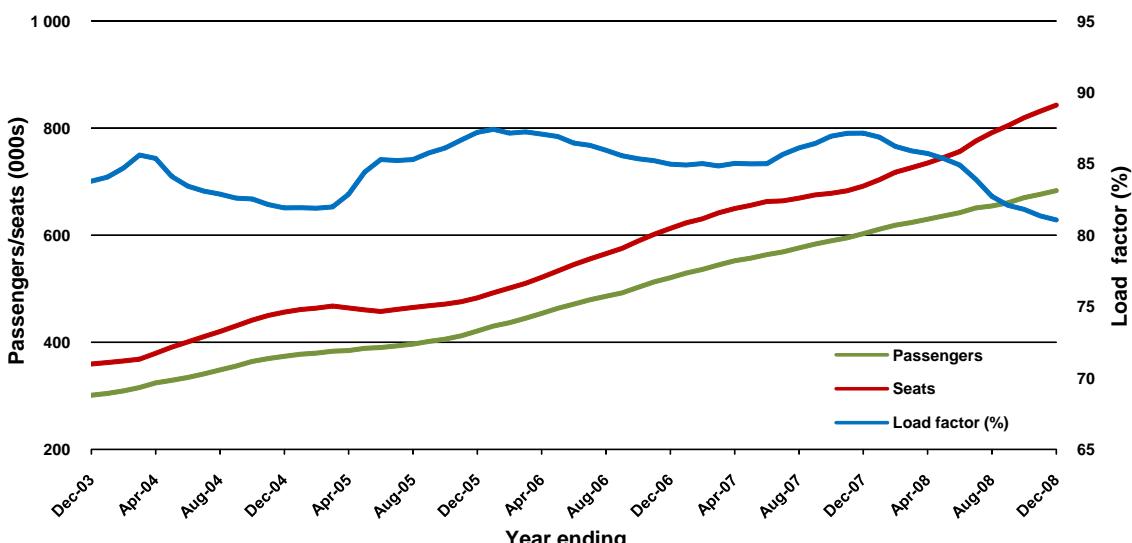


## 18. Brisbane - Perth

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	602.9	683.4	13.3
Seats (000s)	691.7	842.9	21.8
Load factor %	87.2	81.1	-6.1
Aircraft trips	3 418	4 062	18.8

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

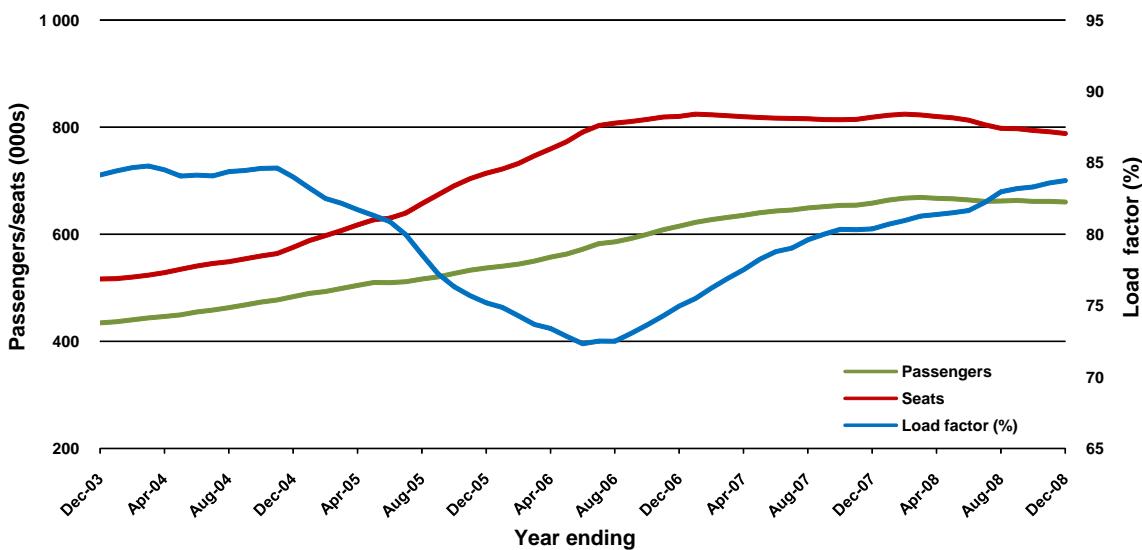


## 19. Adelaide - Brisbane

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	658.2	660.3	0.3
Seats (000s)	818.9	788.2	-3.7
Load factor %	80.4	83.8	3.4
Aircraft trips	5 031	5 271	4.8

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

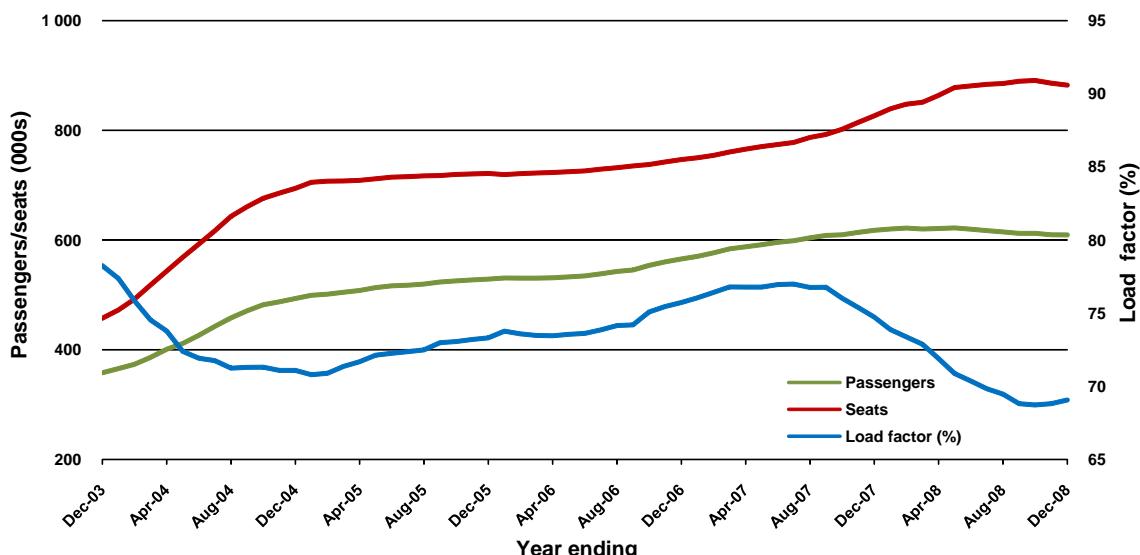


## 20. Brisbane - Canberra

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	617.7	609.5	-1.3
Seats (000s)	826.5	882.4	6.8
Load factor %	74.7	69.1	-5.7
Aircraft trips	5 909	6 692	13.3

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

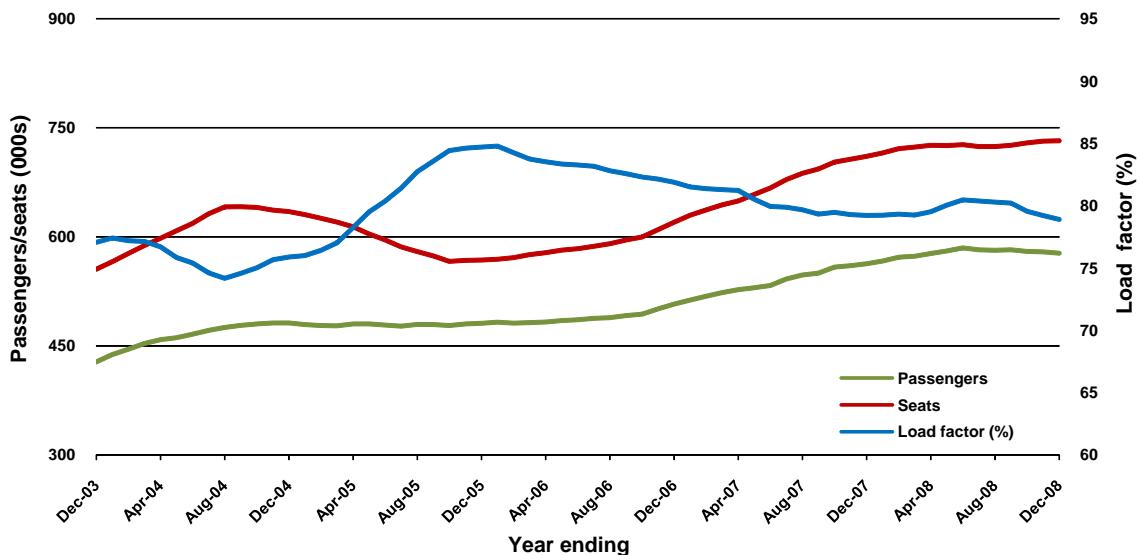


## 21. Adelaide - Perth

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	563.0	577.6	2.6
Seats (000s)	710.7	732.1	3.0
Load factor %	79.2	78.9	-0.3
Aircraft trips	4 301	4 616	7.3

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

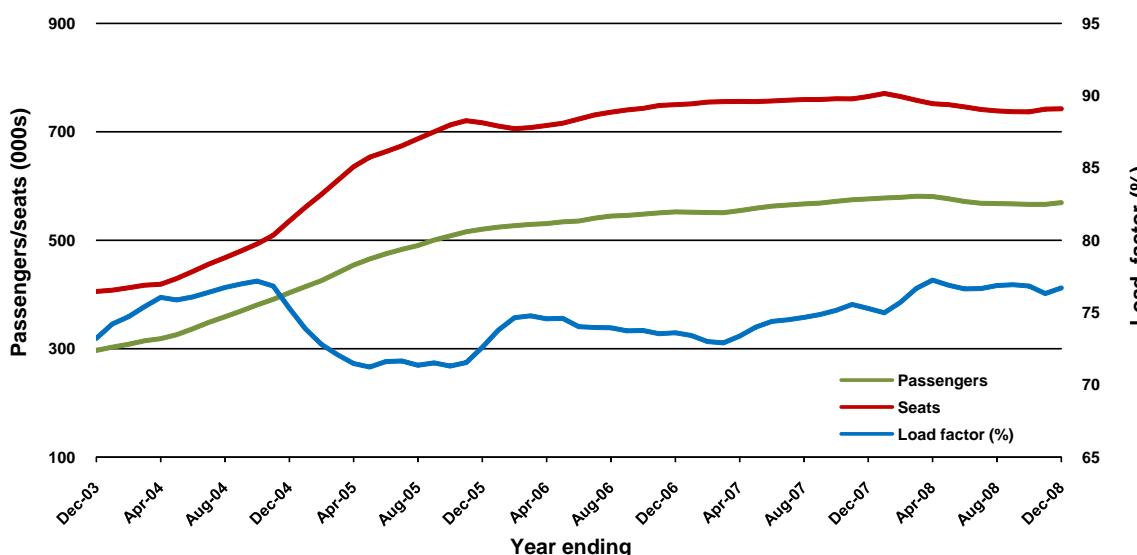


## 22. Brisbane - Rockhampton

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	576.3	569.6	-1.2
Seats (000s)	765.5	742.6	-3.0
Load factor %	75.3	76.7	1.4
Aircraft trips	7 486	7 225	-3.5

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

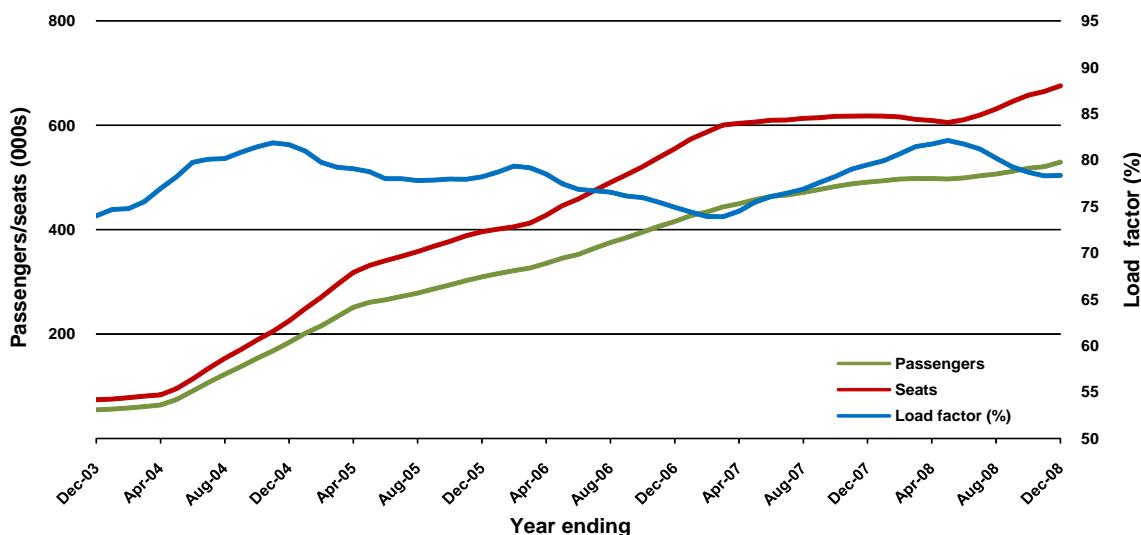


## 23. Brisbane - Newcastle

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	491.1	529.3	7.8
Seats (000s)	617.8	675.5	9.3
Load factor %	79.5	78.4	-1.1
Aircraft trips	4 551	4 488	-1.4

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

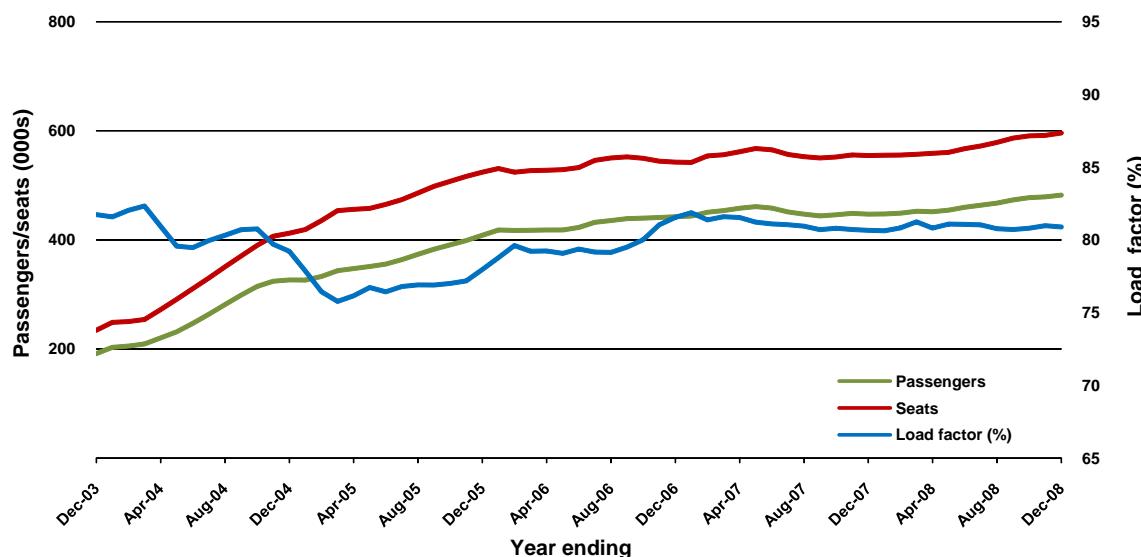


## 24. Cairns - Melbourne

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	447.4	482.2	7.8
Seats (000s)	554.6	596.0	7.5
Load factor %	80.7	80.9	0.2
Aircraft trips	3 049	3 245	6.4

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

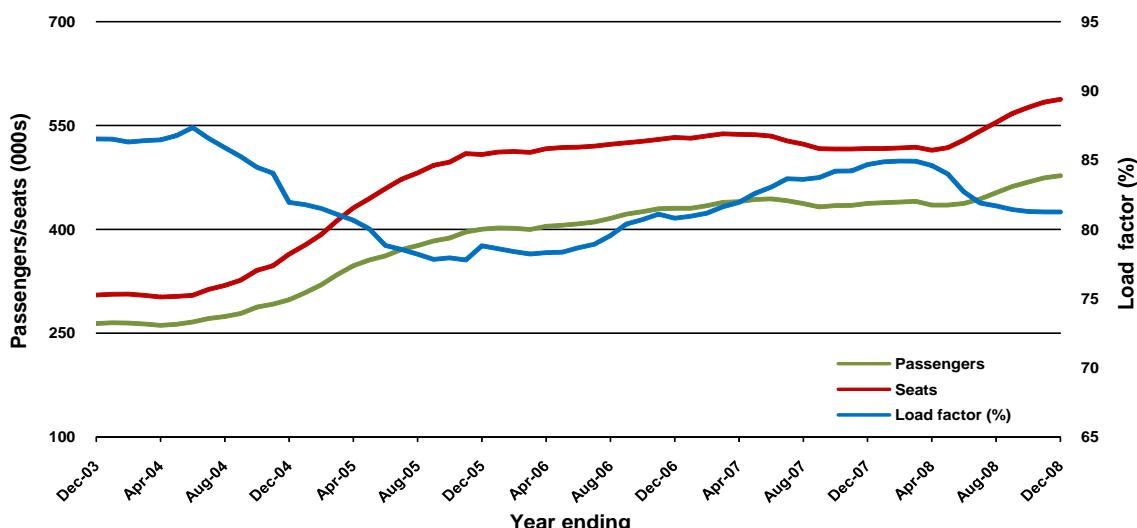


## 25. Maroochydore - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	437.4	477.6	9.2
Seats (000s)	516.6	587.8	13.8 *
Load factor %	84.7	81.3	-3.4 *
Aircraft trips	2 986	3 393	13.6

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

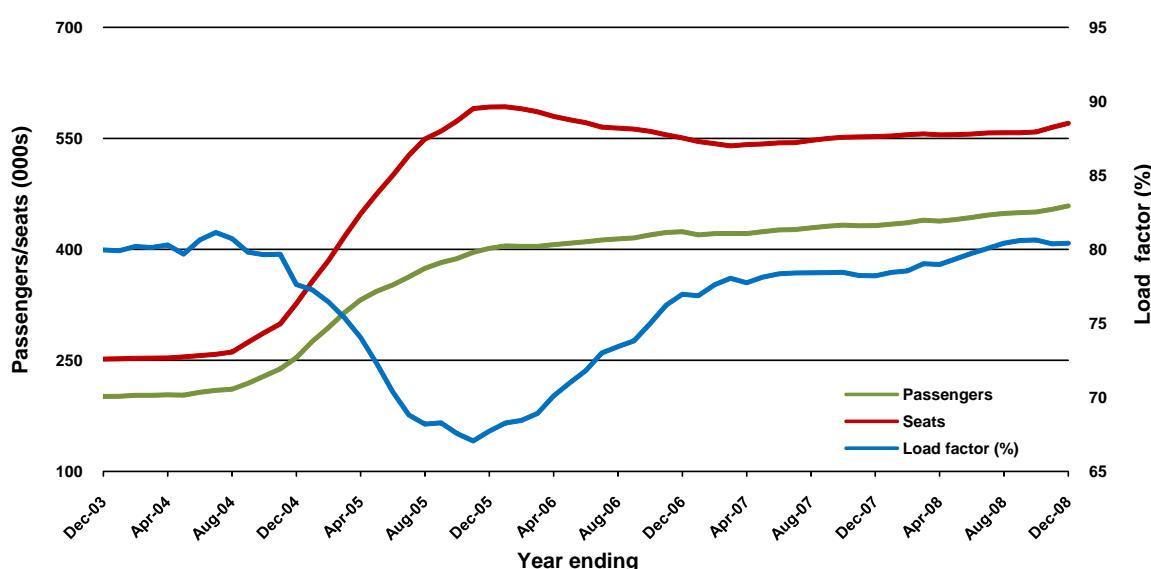


## 26. Hobart - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	432.1	458.7	6.2
Seats (000s)	552.4	570.3	3.2
Load factor %	78.2	80.4	2.2 *
Aircraft trips	3 330	3 405	2.3

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

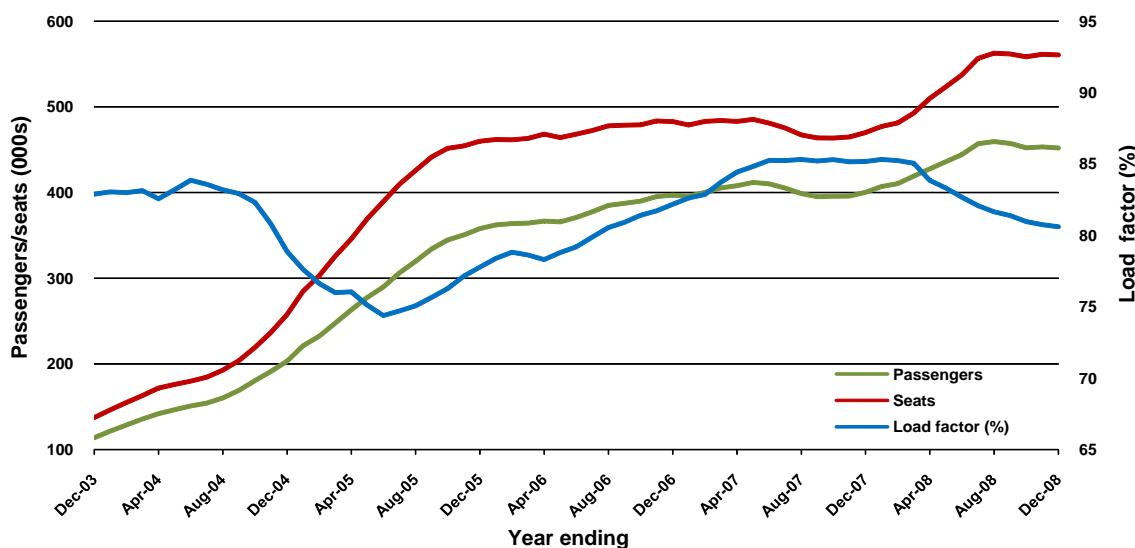


## 27. Maroochydore - Melbourne

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	400.3	452.1	12.9
Seats (000s)	470.0	560.8	19.3
Load factor %	85.2	80.6	-4.6
Aircraft trips	2 810	3 214	14.4

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

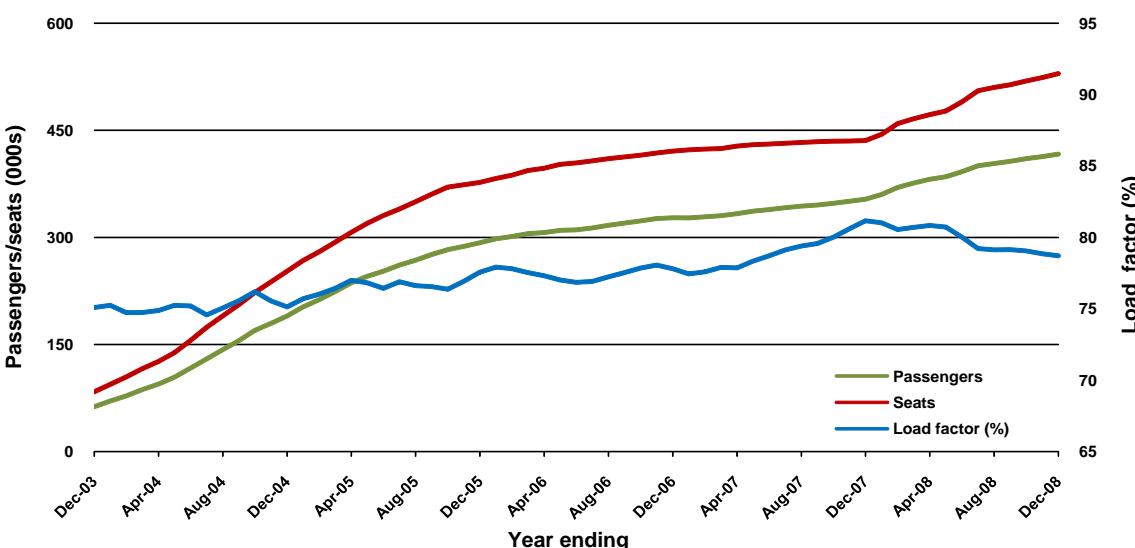


## 28. Melbourne - Newcastle

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	353.6	416.8	17.9
Seats (000s)	435.6	529.5	21.6
Load factor %	81.2	78.7	-2.5
Aircraft trips	3 991	3 204	-19.7

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

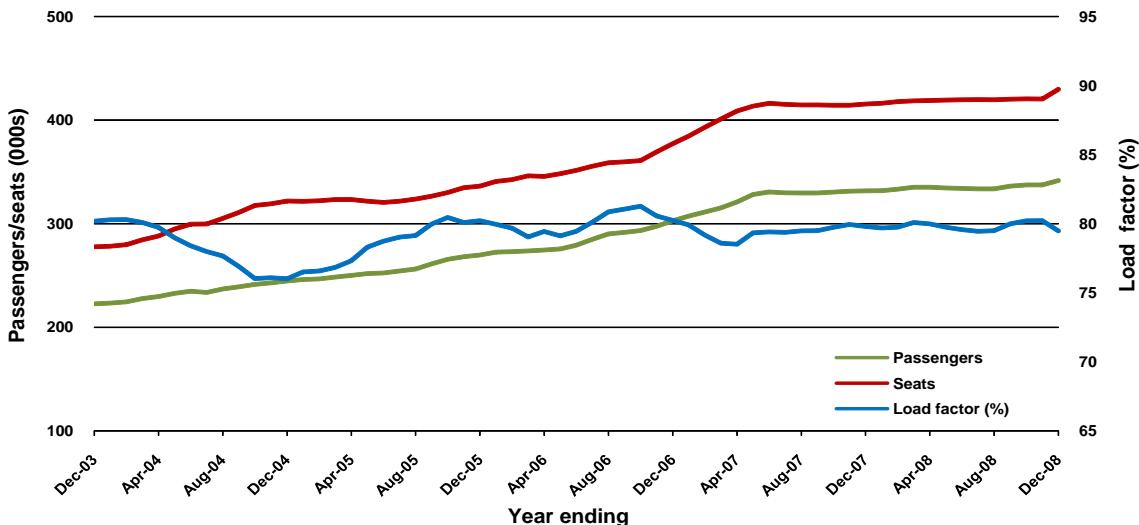


## 29. Brisbane - Darwin

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	331.5	341.6	3.0
Seats (000s)	415.5	429.8	3.4
Load factor %	79.8	79.5	-0.3
Aircraft trips	2 087	2 142	2.6

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

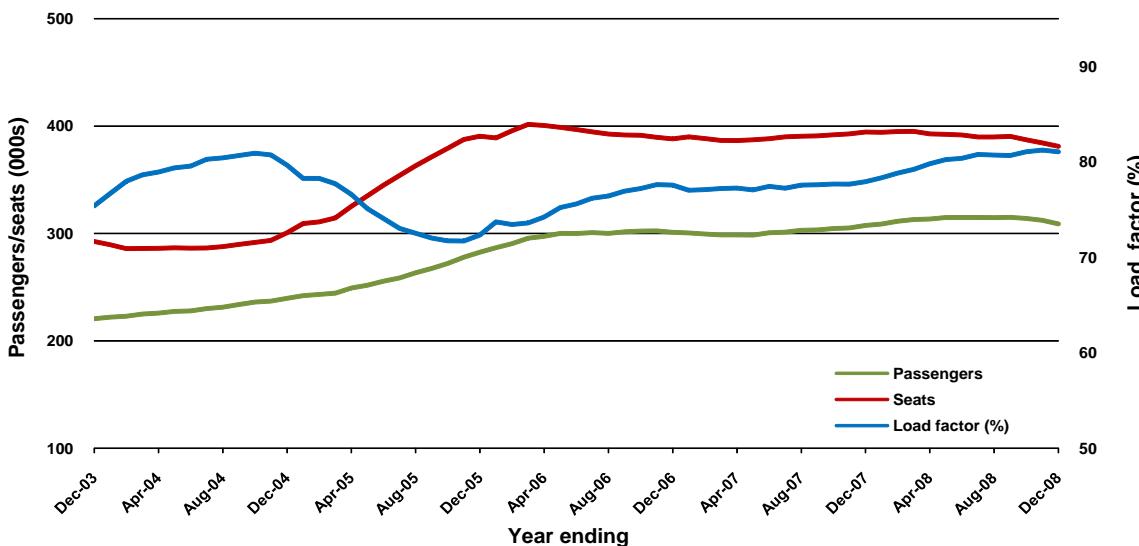


## 30. Coffs Harbour - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	307.5	309.0	0.5
Seats (000s)	394.5	381.2	-3.4
Load factor %	77.9	81.1	3.1
Aircraft trips	4 930	4 352	-11.7

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

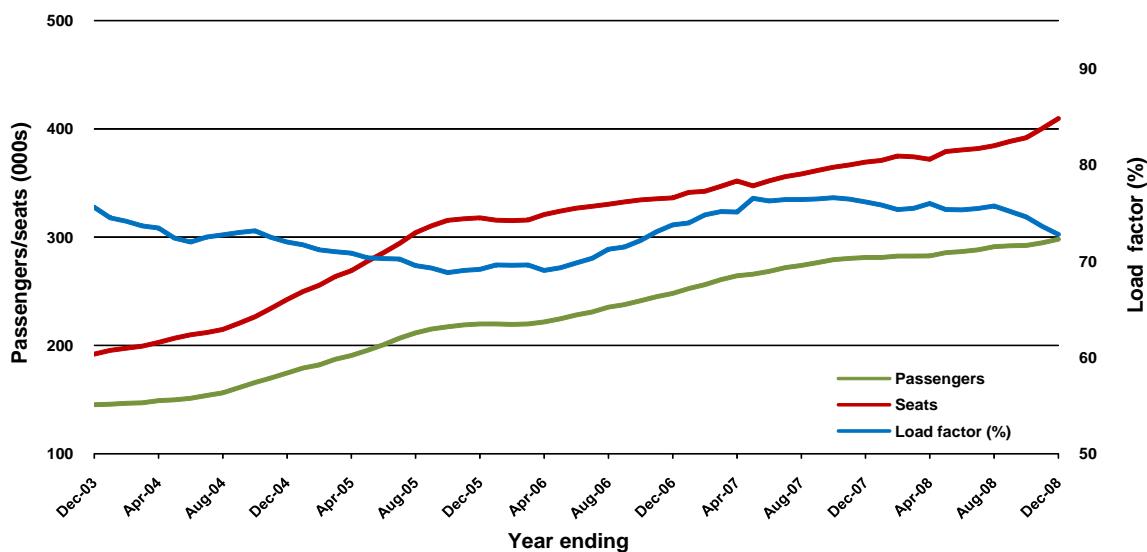


### 31. Broome - Perth

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	281.3	298.2	6.0
Seats (000s)	369.3	409.5	10.9
Load factor %	76.2	72.8	-3.4 *
Aircraft trips	2 751	3 156	14.7

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

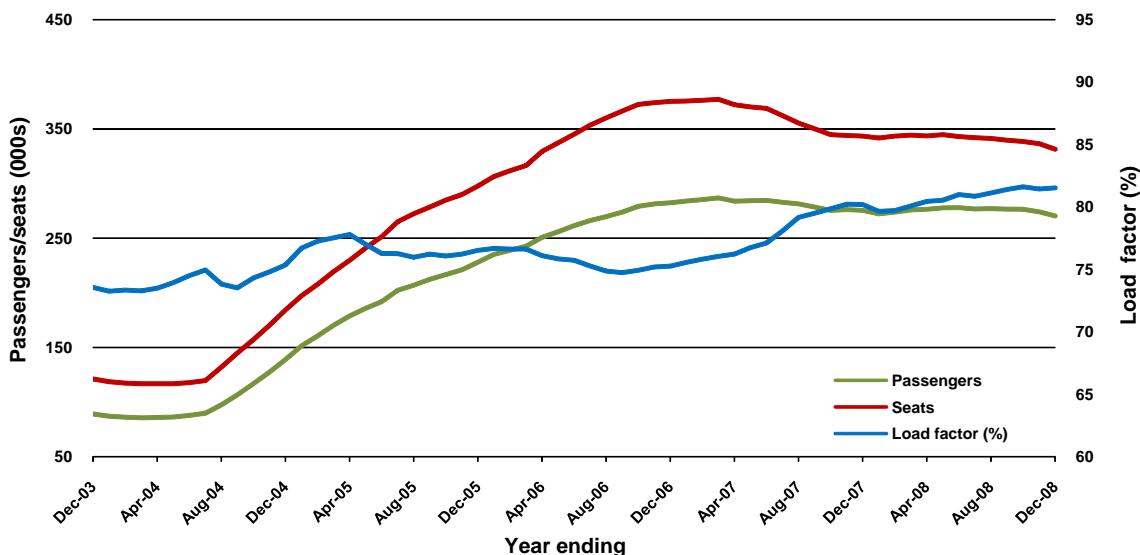


### 32. Ballina - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	275.4	270.2	-1.9
Seats (000s)	343.5	331.5	-3.5
Load factor %	80.2	81.5	1.3 *
Aircraft trips	4 004	3 660	-8.6

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

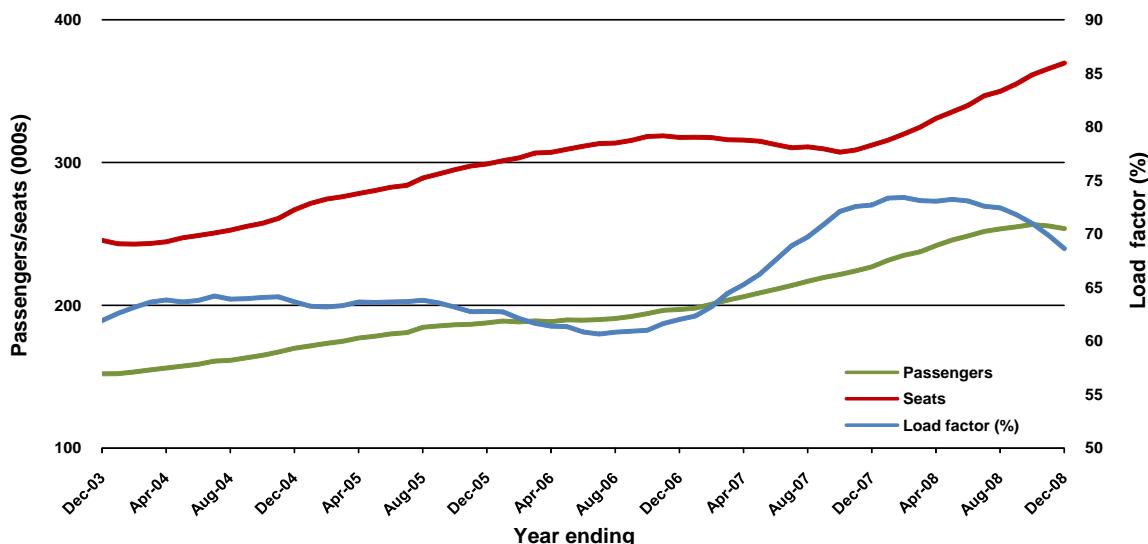


### 33. Kalgoorlie - Perth

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	227.0	253.7	11.8
Seats (000s)	312.2	369.6	18.4
Load factor %	72.7	68.6	-4.1
Aircraft trips	2 716	2 931	7.9

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

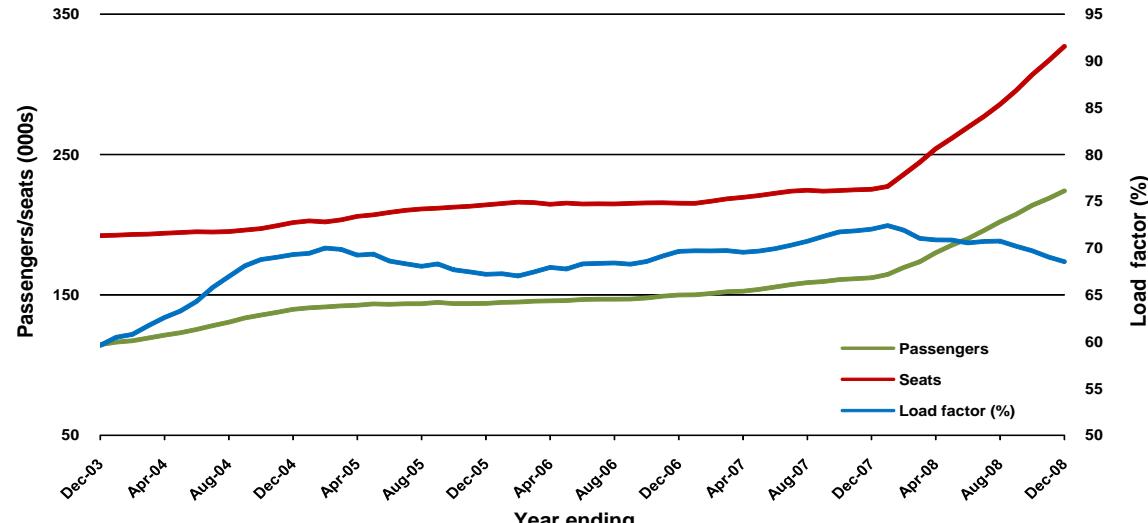


### 34. Albury - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	162.2	224.2	38.2
Seats (000s)	225.2	327.0	45.2
Load factor %	72.0	68.6	-3.5
Aircraft trips	5 477	6 669	21.8

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

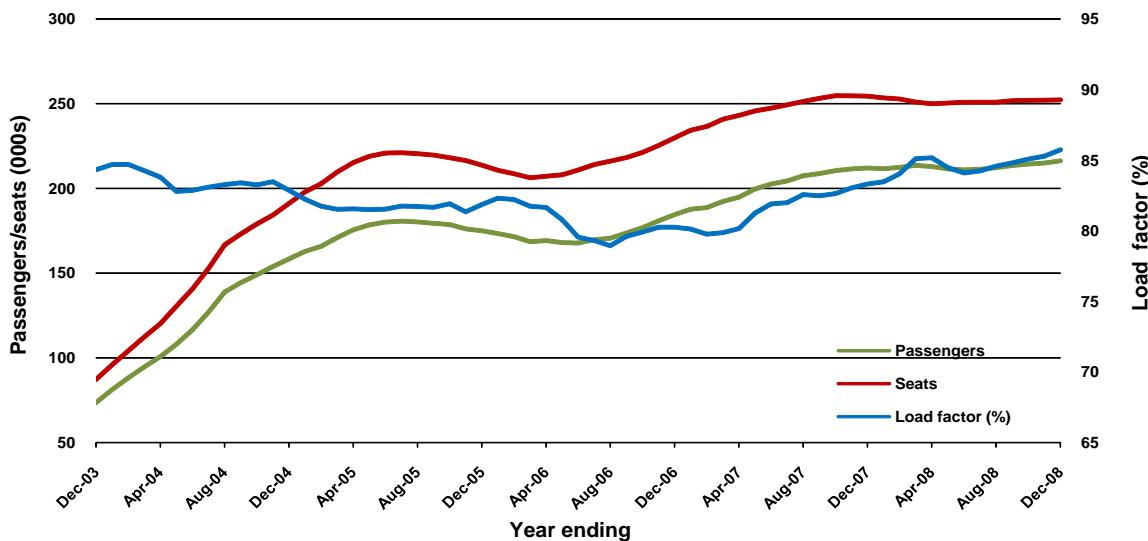


### 35. Brisbane - Proserpine

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	212.1	216.3	2.0
Seats (000s)	254.5	252.3	-0.9
Load factor %	83.3	85.7	2.4
Aircraft trips	1 450	1 454	0.3

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

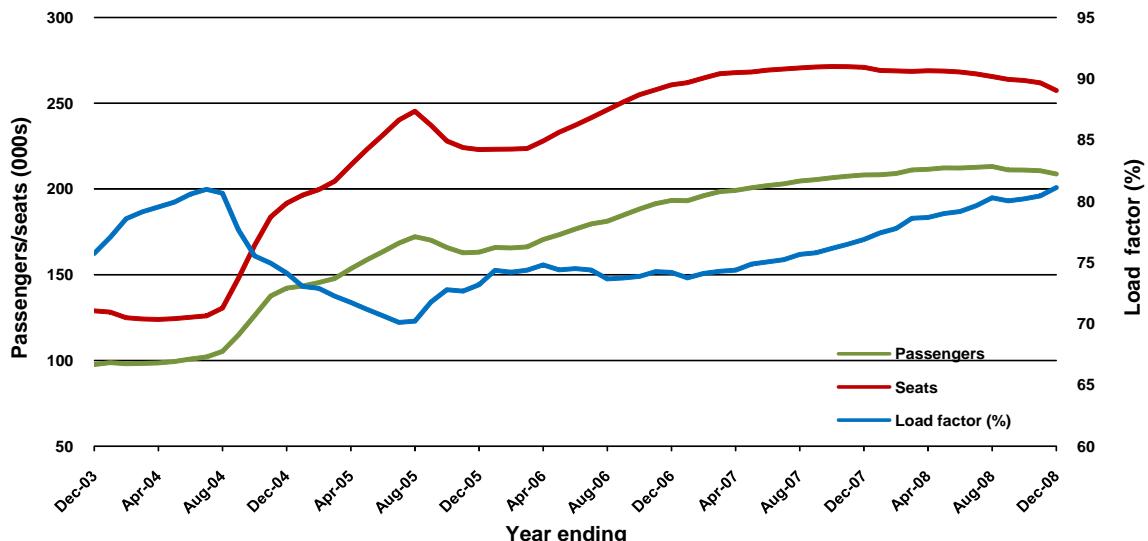


### 36. Launceston - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	208.2	208.8	0.3
Seats (000s)	270.8	257.4	-5.0
Load factor %	76.9	81.1	4.2
Aircraft trips	1 540	1 497	-2.8

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

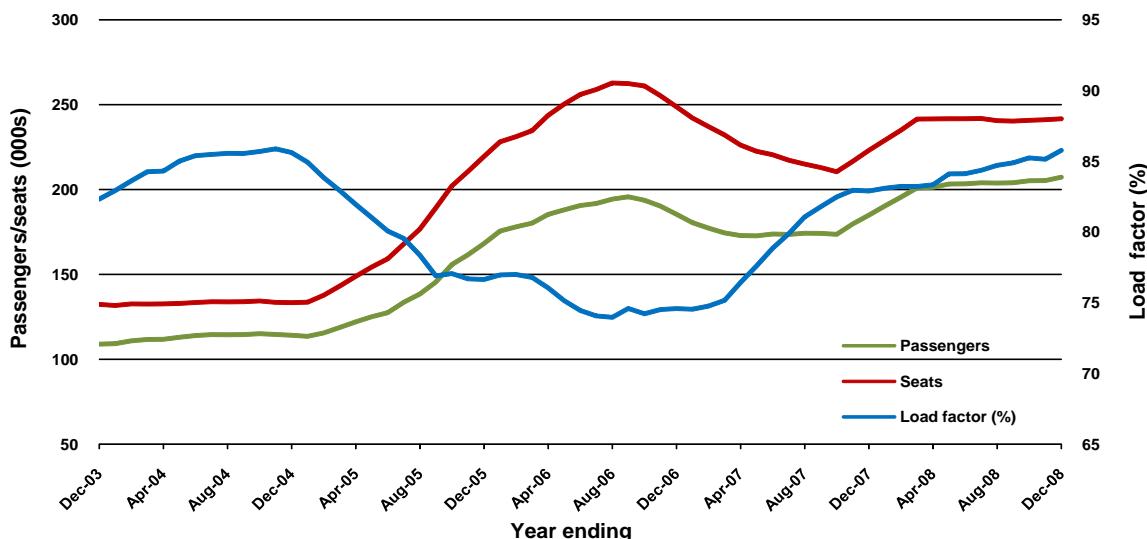


### 37. Adelaide - Gold Coast

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	185.0	207.4	12.1
Seats (000s)	223.1	241.8	8.4
Load factor %	82.9	85.8	2.9 *
Aircraft trips	1 358	1 449	6.7

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

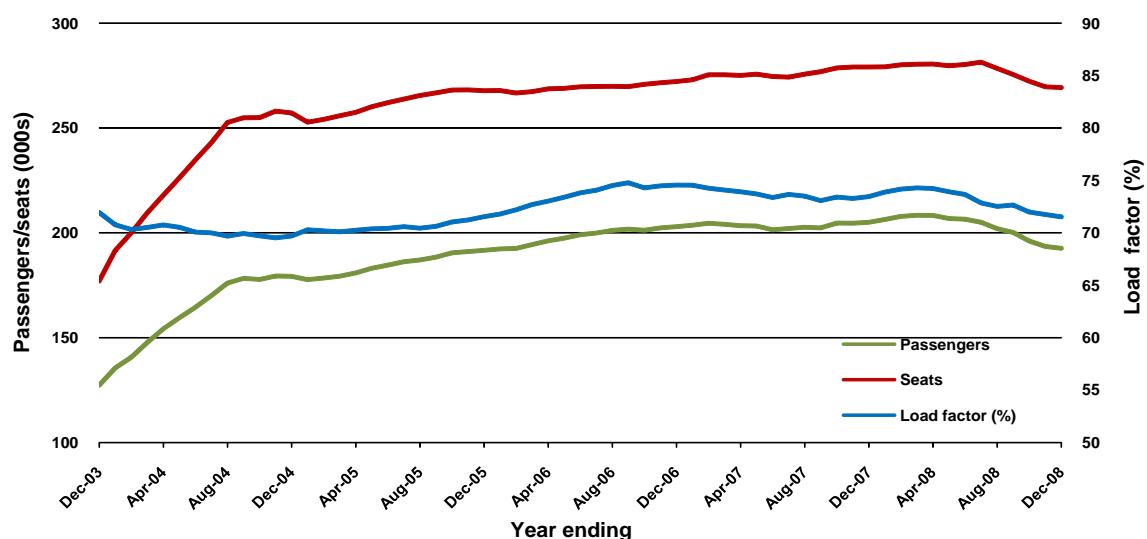


### 38. Adelaide - Canberra

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	205.1	192.6	-6.1
Seats (000s)	279.2	269.3	-3.5
Load factor %	73.5	71.5	-1.9 *
Aircraft trips	1 848	1 879	1.7

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

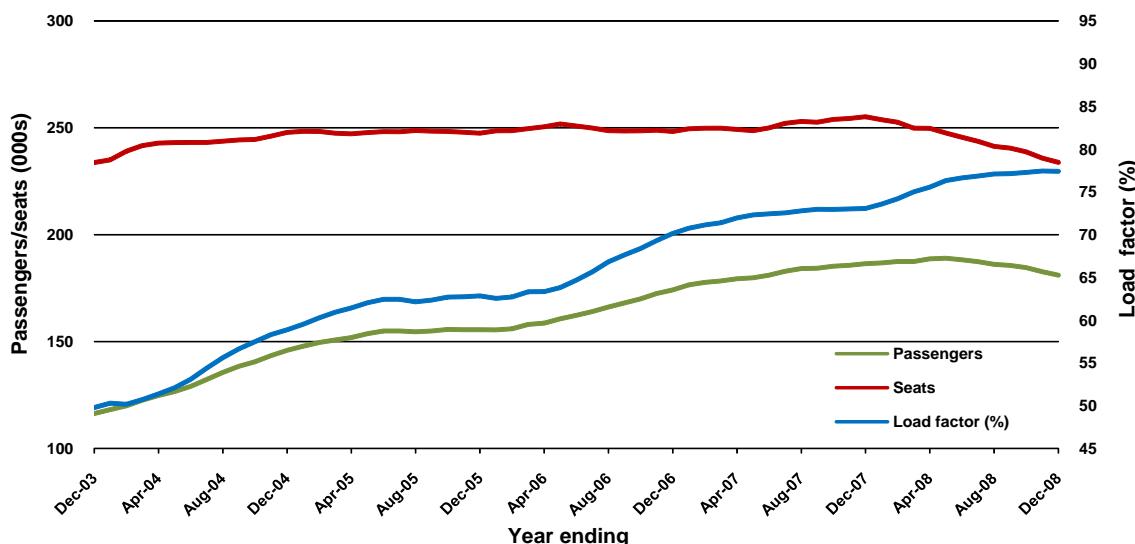


## 39. Dubbo - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	186.5	181.1	-2.9
Seats (000s)	255.2	233.8	-8.4
Load factor %	73.1	77.4	4.3
Aircraft trips	7 470	6 370	-14.7

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

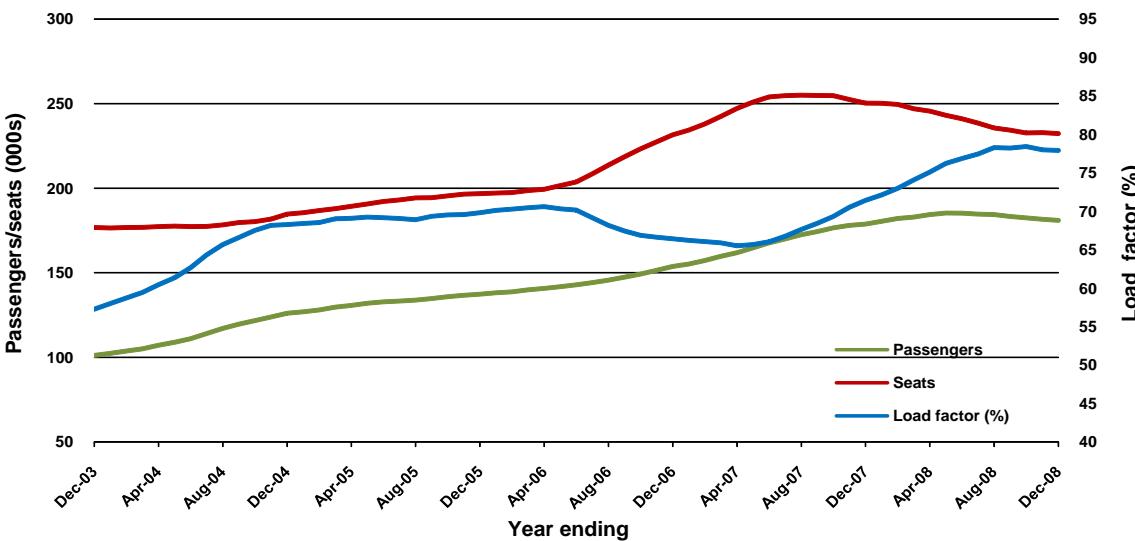


## 40. Sydney - Wagga Wagga

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	178.8	181.0	1.2
Seats (000s)	250.3	232.3	-7.2
Load factor %	71.4	77.9	6.5
Aircraft trips	6 277	5 697	-9.2

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

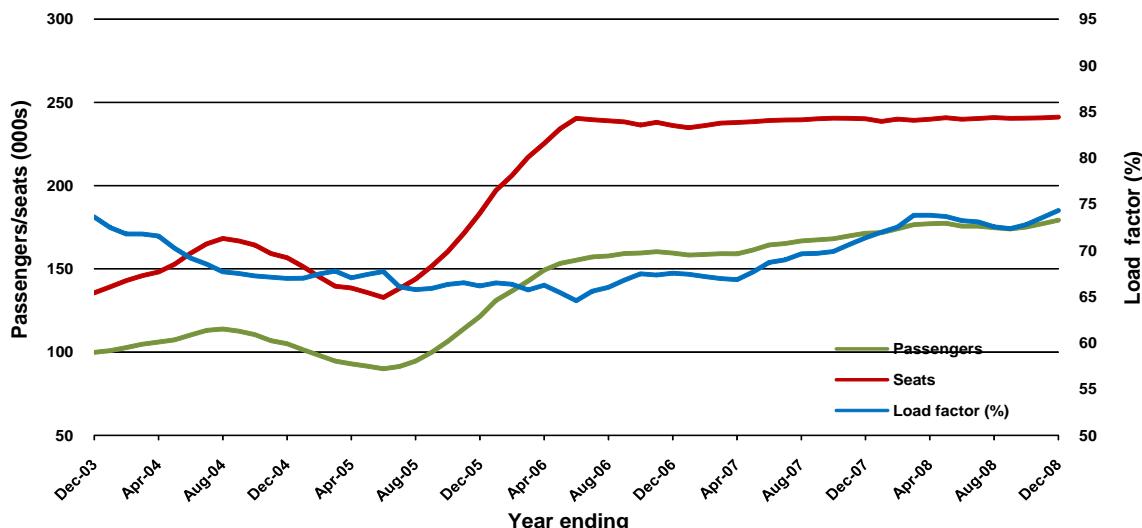


## 41. Brisbane - Hamilton Island

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	171.4	179.2	4.6
Seats (000s)	240.2	241.2	0.4
Load factor %	71.4	74.3	3.0
Aircraft trips	1 453	1 460	0.5

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

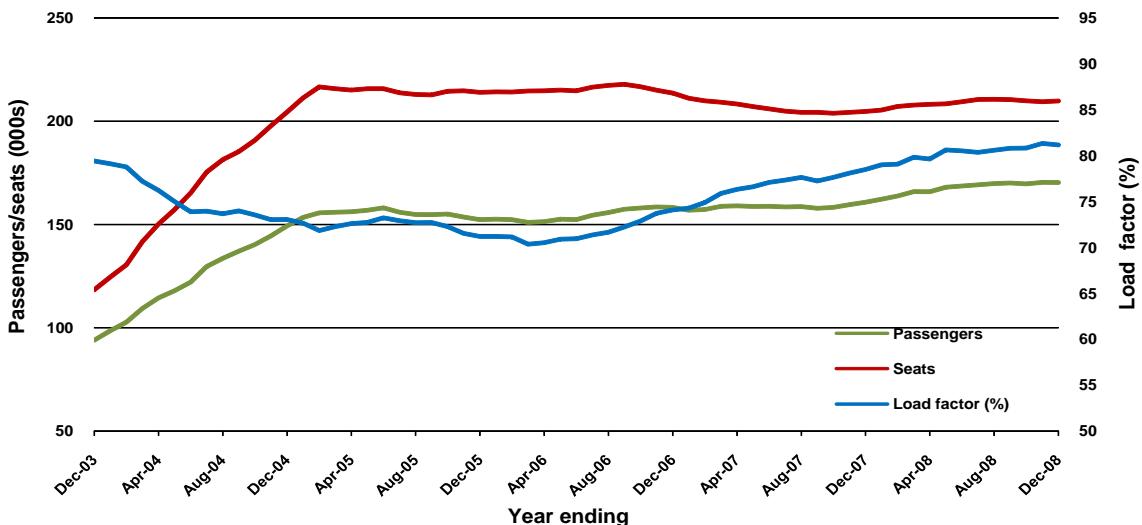


## 42. Sydney - Townsville

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	160.8	170.4	6.0
Seats (000s)	204.8	209.8	2.5
Load factor %	78.5	81.2	2.7
Aircraft trips	1 250	1 252	0.2

\* percentage point difference

### Passenger traffic and load factors

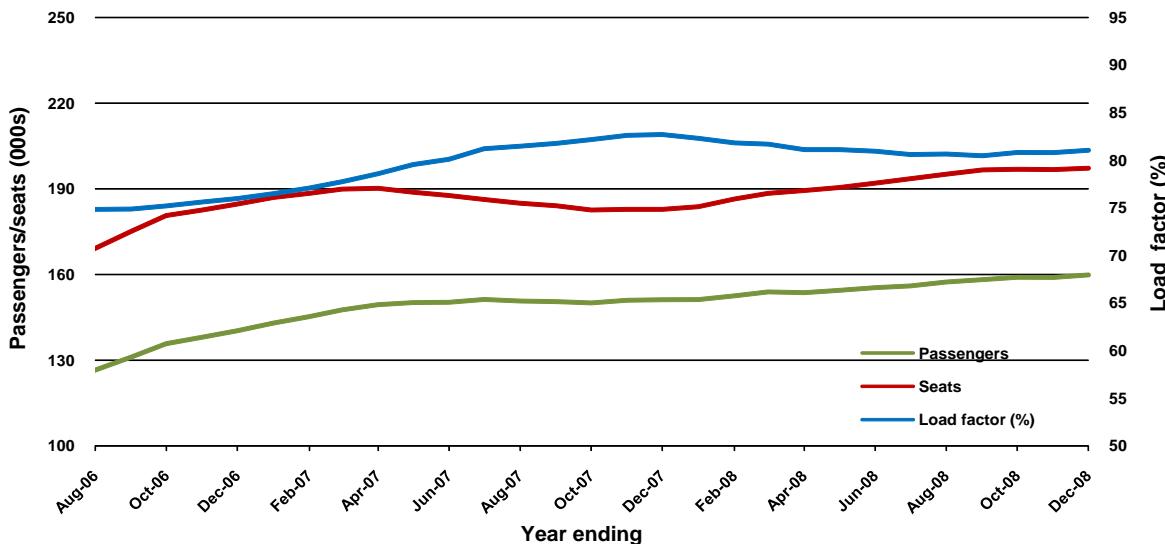


### 43. Hervey Bay - Sydney

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	151.2	159.9	5.7
Seats (000s)	182.8	197.2	7.9
Load factor %	82.7	81.1	-1.6
Aircraft trips	1 144	1 146	0.2

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors

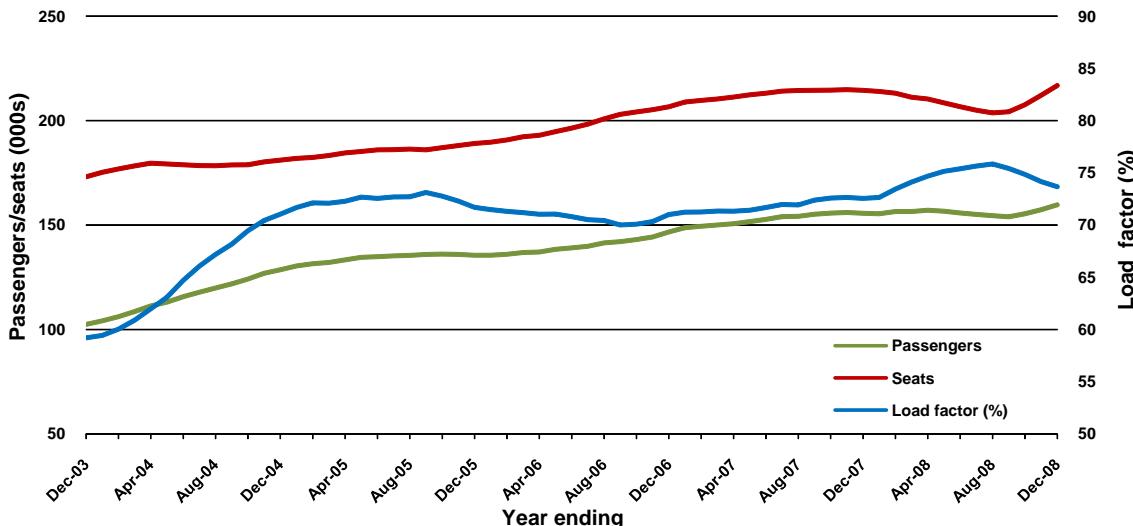


### 44. Melbourne - Mildura

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	155.6	159.7	2.6
Seats (000s)	214.5	216.7	1.1
Load factor %	72.6	73.7	1.1
Aircraft trips	5 842	5 379	-7.9

\* percentage point difference

#### Passenger traffic and load factors



## 45. Port Macquarie - Sydney\*

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	..	151.3	NA
Seats (000s)	..	209.6	NA
Load factor %	..	72.2	NA **
Aircraft trips	..	3 528	NA

\* Port Macquarie - Sydney route included from February 2008, prior data not shown.

\*\* percentage point difference

## 46. Karratha - Perth\*

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	..	116.6	NA
Seats (000s)	..	187.8	NA
Load factor %	..	62.1	NA **
Aircraft trips	..	1 360	NA

\* Karratha - Perth route included from October 2008, prior data not shown.

\*\* percentage point difference

## 47. Alice Springs - Melbourne\*

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	% Change
Passenger movements (000s)	..	91.5	NA
Seats (000s)	..	120.1	NA
Load factor %	..	76.2	NA **
Aircraft trips	..	704	NA

\* Alice Springs - Melbourne route included from May 2008, prior data not shown.

\*\* percentage point difference

## 48. Gold Coast - Newcastle\*

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	Difference (%)
Passenger movements (000s)	..	61.1	NA
Seats (000s)	..	74.9	NA
Load factor %	..	81.6	NA **
Aircraft trips	..	432	NA

\* Gold Coast - Newcastle route included from August 2008, prior data not shown.

\*\* percentage point difference

## 49. Newman - Perth\*

	YE December 2007	YE December 2008	Difference (%)
Passenger movements (000s)	..	45.3	NA
Seats (000s)	..	71.4	NA
Load factor %	..	63.4	NA **
Aircraft trips	..	637	NA

\* Newman - Perth route included from October 2008, prior data not shown.

\*\* percentage point difference



## DEFINITIONS

Aircraft Trips	The number of flight stages. A return flight counts as two aircraft trips.
Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs)	Calculated by multiplying the number of seats available on each flight stage, by the distance in kilometres between the ports. The distances used are Great Circle Distances.
City Pair	The ports shown make up the city pair route. Passenger movements shown for a city pair reflect total traffic in both directions.
Flight Stage	The operation of an aircraft from take-off to landing.
Load Factor	The total revenue passenger kilometres performed as a percentage of the total available seat kilometres.
Passenger Carried	Revenue passengers carried.
Revenue Passengers	All passengers paying any fare. Frequent flyer redemption travellers are regarded as revenue passengers.
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs)	Calculated by multiplying the number of revenue passengers travelling on each flight stage, by the distance in kilometres between the ports. The distances used are Great Circle Distances.
Traffic on board by stages	The total of all traffic (revenue passengers) on each flight stage between two directly connected airports.
..	Data not included