HORIZON AIRWAYS DOUBLES DOWN ON FLEET MODERNIZATION WITH ORDER FOR SECOND TECNAM P2012 STOL

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Queensland-based Horizon Airways has signed an order for a second Tecnam P2012 STOL aircraft. Slated to join the Australian fleet by the end of 2026, this subsequent order rapidly builds upon the historic introduction of the country's first P2012 STOL, signaling a massive leap forward for regional air travel. Operating since 1994, Horizon Airways is a vital lifeline for communities across Central, Western, and Northern Queensland. The decision to double down on the P2012 STOL platform emphasizes the airline's commitment to replacing an aging fleet of 1970s-era aircraft with state-of-the-art aviation technology.

Ed Morrison, CEO of Horizon Airways commented: "The anticipation surrounding our initial P2012 STOL order has been incredible, and adding a second aircraft to our future fleet was a natural step. This aircraft represents the exact future we envision for regional air travel across the Torres

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Strait and Cape communities. Having a second Tecnam P2012 STOL joining us by the end of 2026 ensures we can meet growing demand, double our modern operational capabilities, and continue providing the highest level of safety and reliability to the communities that rely on these essential services every day."

Francesco Sferra, Tecnam P2012 Sales and Special Missions Manager stated: "Seeing Horizon Airways expand their P2012 STOL fleet so quickly is a testament to how perfectly this aircraft fits the demanding Torres Strait environment. Bringing modern safety, twin-engine reliability, and premium comfort to the world's most challenging commercial runways is what this aircraft does best. We are incredibly proud to deepen our partnership with Horizon Airways and support their mission to keep these vital island communities efficiently connected."

Michael Loccisano, Director and CEO of Hallmarc Aviation said: "The versatility and robustness of the Tecnam P2012 platform are proving ideally suited to Australian operating conditions. We are proud to facilitate this second order for Horizon Airways. Delivering enhanced short-field performance is critical for these remote applications, and we look forward to continuing our support as they strengthen regional connectivity across the country."

The unique and pristine Torres Strait environment requires exceptional operational capabilities. The Tecnam P2012 STOL offers unprecedented short runway performance, giving Horizon Airways the ability to reliably service outer island communities—including Mabuiag, Darnley, and Murray Islands, which are home to some of Australia's shortest commercial airstrips. With two P2012 STOL aircraft operating from Horn Island by the end of 2026, Horizon will significantly expand its capacity to offer the safety of modern, twin-engine operations and spacious, air-conditioned cabins featuring nine ergonomic passenger seats.

This acquisition by Horizon Airways marks a significant milestone for Tecnam in the region, bringing the total number of P2012 aircraft operating in Australia to five (5). The rapidly growing footprint of the P2012 series highlights the platform's versatility, reliability, and perfect suitability for the vast and demanding conditions of the Australian continent. This expansion of P2012 platform in Australia is supported by authorized dealer Hallmarc Aviation.e look forward to continuing our support as they strengthen regional connectivity across the country.

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