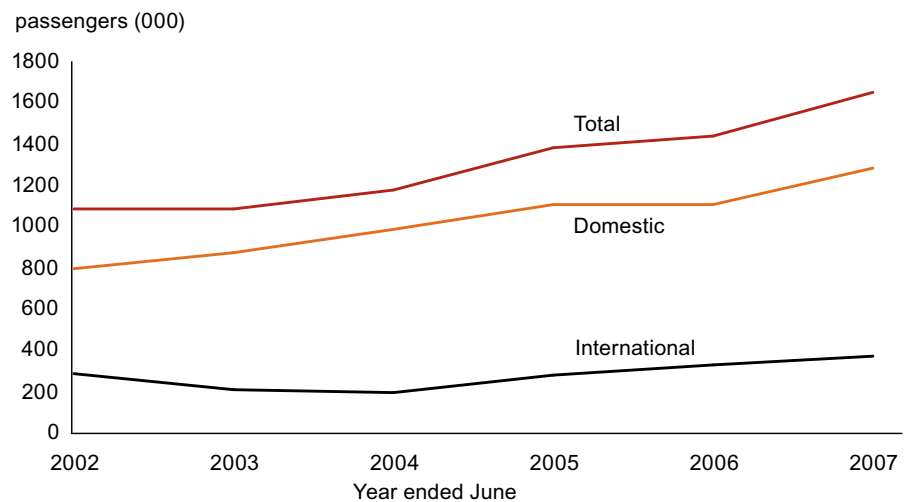


Transport and Communication Infrastructure

- With a small, widely dispersed Territory population and a small local market relative to major markets in southern Australia, good transport and communication links are critical to ongoing development in the Territory.
- Rail remains an important transport link providing regular passenger services between Darwin and Adelaide. Volumes of freight continue to grow, with further opportunity for regional development particularly in the movement of bulk mineral ores.
- The Territory's road network continues to be improved with new and upgrade work to infrastructure, bridges and flood mitigation.
- Air transport provides Darwin with links to international, interstate and intrastate destinations for passenger movement and freight transfer.
- Access to information and communications technology for the large percentage of Territorians living in remote areas remains a priority.

Total Airline Passenger Numbers through Darwin International Airport



Source: Airport Development Group Annual Report 2006-07