

# Aspen airs plan

REMOTE medical evacuation company Aspen Medical will base a rescue helicopter at Truscott Air Base, 520km southwest of Darwin, as it expands further into the oil and gas industry.

Chief executive and part owner Glenn Keys said the move came following a study to model how best to provide aeromedical services given the resources available.

Aspen services the oil and gas industry and has said that it is averaging around five emergency evacuations each week.

The company also provides medical evacuations for eight of the largest oil and gas companies in Western

Australia, the Territory and South Australia.

The company contracted the University of Adelaide's mathematical modelling team to develop software to help them assess at what point there would be insufficient assets and medical crew to evacuate patients.

Mr Keys, in Darwin for two major industry conferences, said he had started his company on the dining room table with his best friend.

The company has now grown into a national health service provider.

Mr Keys said the company would be launching the helicopter service at Truscott next year.