



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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Senator Tammy Tyrell
Chair – Select Committee on the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme
Via email: tfes.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Senator

Please find enclosed an amended Tasmanian Government submission to the Senate Select Committee on the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (the Committee).

The Tasmanian Government's submission has been amended to include an executive summary. No changes have been made to the contents of the submission which was provided 24 September 2024 other than the addition of this executive summary.

The addition of an executive summary assists in communicating the Tasmanian Government's key message with regards to this inquiry, that the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (the Scheme) is critical to Tasmanian businesses, its economy, and the future growth of the State.

The Scheme, having operated since 1976, is deeply embedded in Tasmania's freight arrangements. Tasmanian businesses, due to the state's unique geographic position, do not have the luxury of choosing between multiple freight modes when transporting goods interstate or overseas.

The Tasmanian Government strongly supports the current equalisation arrangements, and it is the position of the Tasmanian Government that no Tasmanian businesses should be worse off under changes to the Scheme.

I would like to thank the Committee for accommodating this request after submissions had closed. The Tasmanian Government looks forward to being further involved should the Committee seek clarification on the contents of our submission or the importance of the scheme to Tasmania.

I look forward to receiving the Committee's final report in late November.

Yours sincerely

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Premier