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King Island lies at the western entrance to Bass Strait, midway between Victoria and mainland Tasmania. The Island is home to 1700 permanent residents and enjoys a reputation for excellence in the production of gourmet beef and dairy products in addition to superior seafood and growing popularity as a tourist destination.

The Island receives three television stations (ABC, Southern Cross & Win) and AM radio from mainland Tasmania and Victoria. For some time many community members have held concern over the Island's lack of access to FM radio. The Island is disadvantaged in a number of areas (high cost of living, isolation, lack of access to entertainment / services of larger centres) and it is considered that communications is one area where equity in service can be achieved.

Council's General Manager, Alan Nelson, is happy to provide any further details considered necessary. He can be contacted by phone (03) 6462 1177, fax (03) 6462 1313, or email kicouncil@kingisland.net.au.

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